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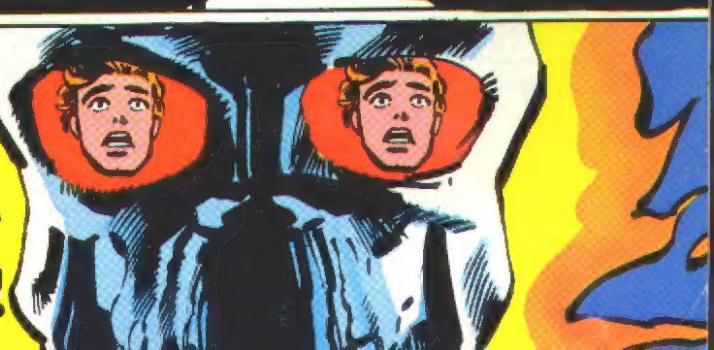

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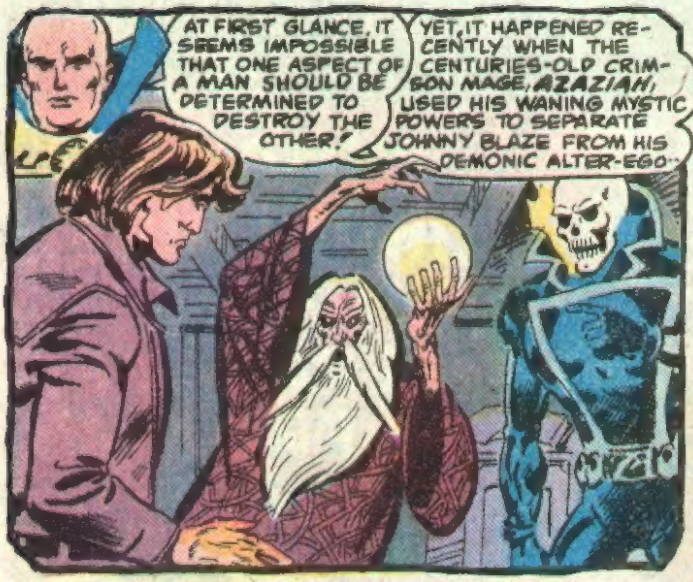
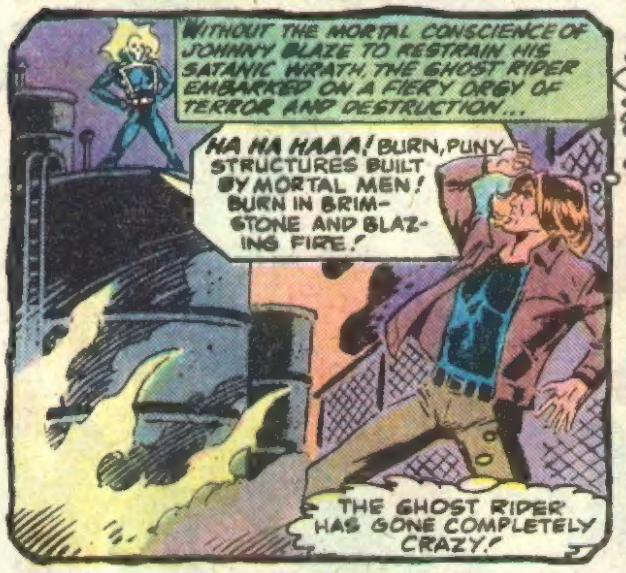

AT FIRST GLANCE, IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE THAT ONE ASPECT OF A MAN SHOULD BE DETERMINED TO DESTROY THE OTHER!
YET, IT HAPPENED RECENTLY WHEN THE CENTURIES-OLD CRIMSON MAGE, AZAZIAH, USED HIS WANING MYSTIC POWERS TO SEPARATE JOHNNY BLAZE FROM HIS DEMONIC ALTER-EGO...

--AS PART OF HIS HEINOUS SCHEME TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THE GHOST RIDER AND HARNESS HIS UNHOLY POWERS TO THE CAUSE OF EVIL...

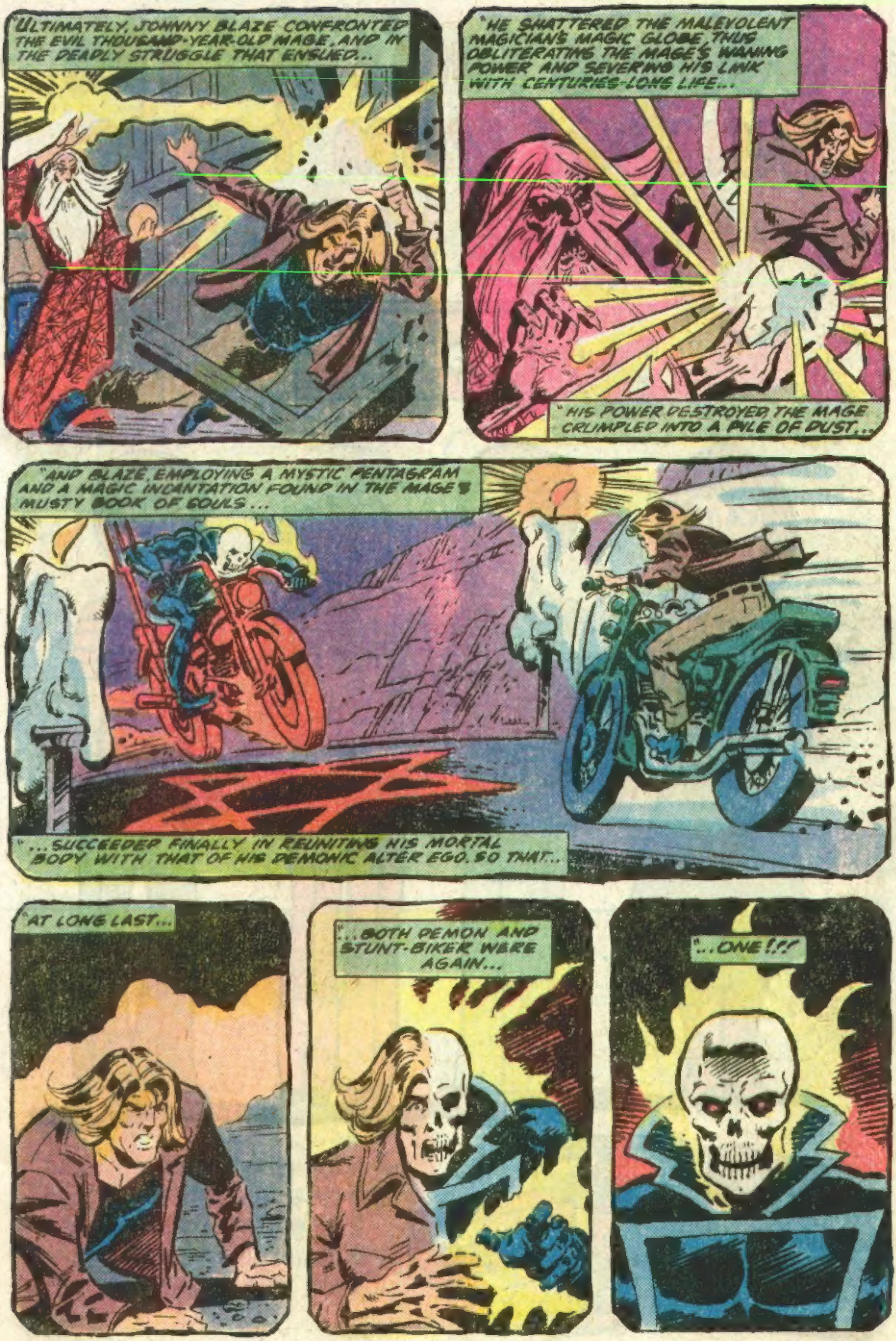

WITHOUT THE MORTAL CONSCIENCE OF JOHNNY BLAZE TO RESTRAIN HIS SATANIC WRATH, THE GHOST RIDER EMBARKED ON A FIERY ORGY OF TERROR AND DESTRUCTION...
HA HA HAAA! BURN, PUNY STRUCTURES BUILT BY MORTAL MEN! BURN IN BRIMSTONE AND BLAZING FIRE!
THE GHOST RIDER HAS GONE COMPLETELY CRAZY!

BUT...BUT SOMETHING'S WRONG! HE'S BURNING A LOT LESS BRIGHTLY THAN HE USUALLY DOES... MOVING MORE SLOWLY!

AND I'VE BECOME WEAKER...AS THOUGH ALL OF MY ENERGY'S BEEN DRAINED FROM ME!

WAIT A MINUTE! OF COURSE! I--I SEE IT ALL NOW! THE MYSTIC BOND LINKING ME TO THE GHOST RIDER WAS VITAL TO THE EXISTENCE OF US BOTH!

NOW THAT WE'VE BECOME SEPARATED, OUR..OUR VERY ESSENCES HAVE BEGUN DRAINING AWAY!
UNLESS I CAN FIND SOME WAY TO REUNITE US, BOTH JOHNNY BLAZE AND THE GHOST RIDER WILL DIE!


ULTIMATELY, JOHNNY BLAZE CONFRONTED THE EVIL THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD MAGE, AND IN THE DEADLY STRUGGLE THAT ENSUED...
"HE SHATTERED THE MALEVOLENT MAGICIAN'S MAGIC GLOBE, THUS OBLITERATING THE MAGE'S WANING POWER AND SEVERING HIS LINK WITH CENTURIES-LONG LIFE...
"HIS POWER DESTROYED, THE MAGE CRUMPLED INTO A PILE OF DUST...
"AND BLAZE, EMPLOYING A MYSTIC PENTAGRAM AND A MAGIC INCANTATION FOUND IN THE MAGE'S MUSTY BOOK OF SOULS...
"...SUCCEEDED FINALLY IN REUNITING HIS MORTAL BODY WITH THAT OF HIS DEMONIC ALTER EGO, SO THAT...
"AT LONG LAST...
"...BOTH DEMON AND STUNT-BIKER WERE AGAIN...
"...ONE!!!

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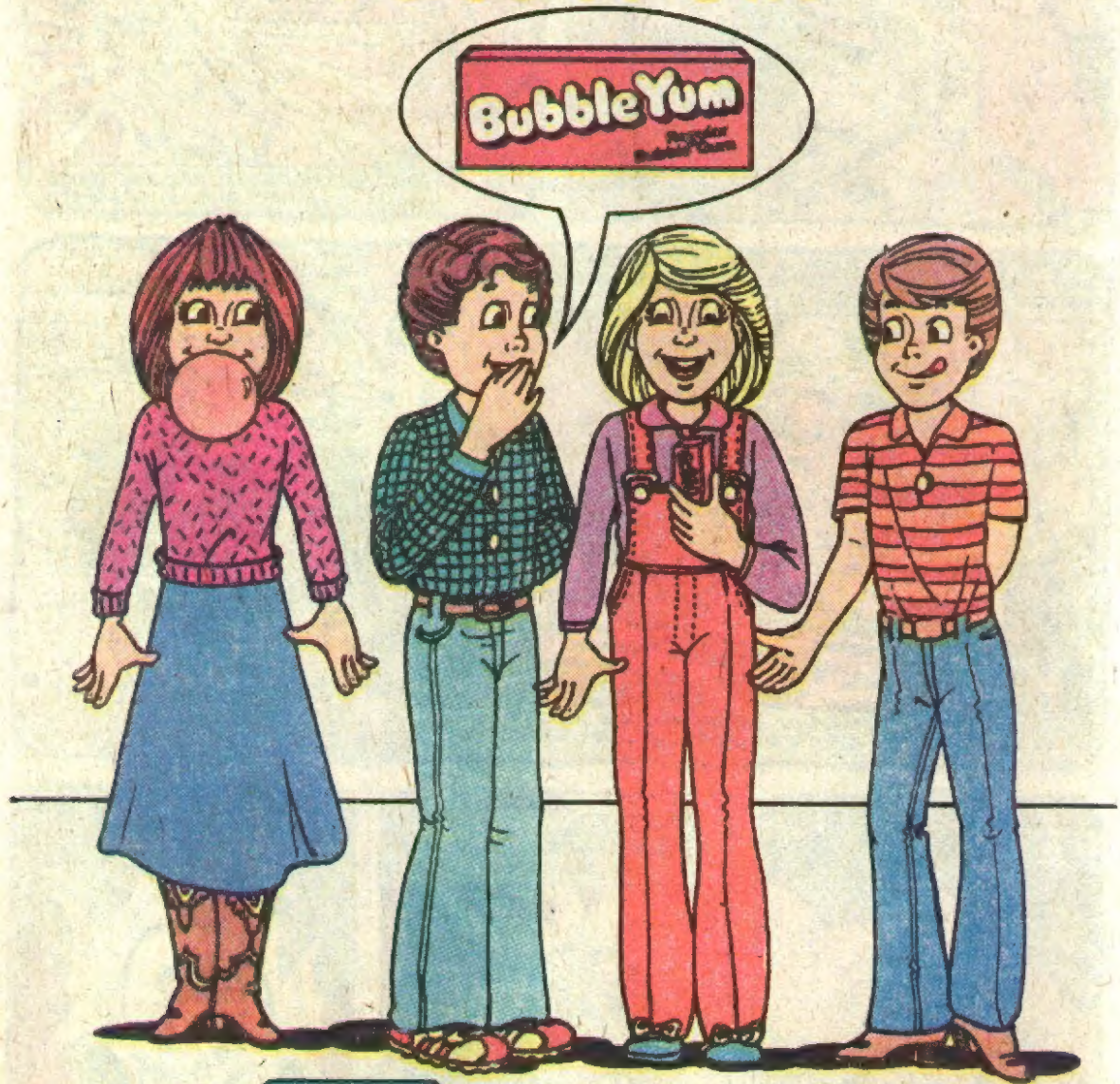

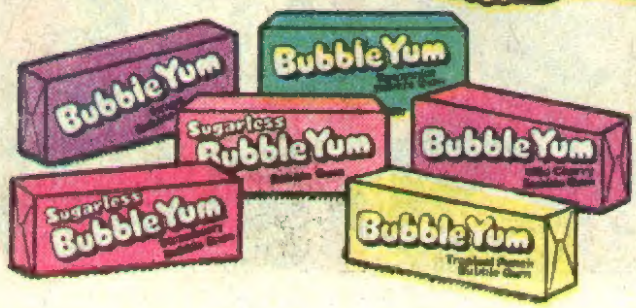

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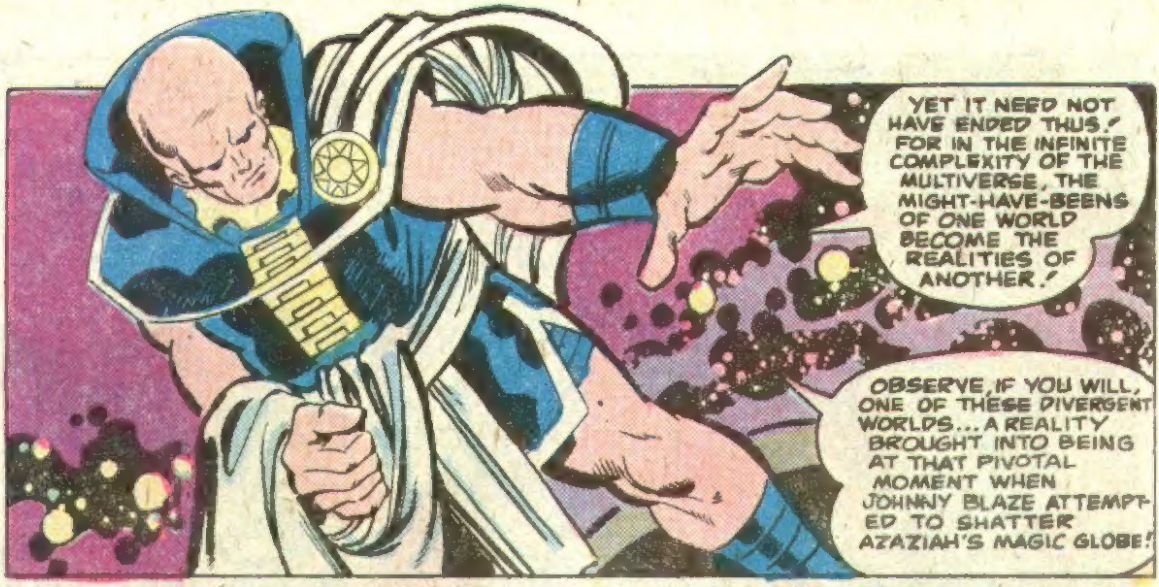
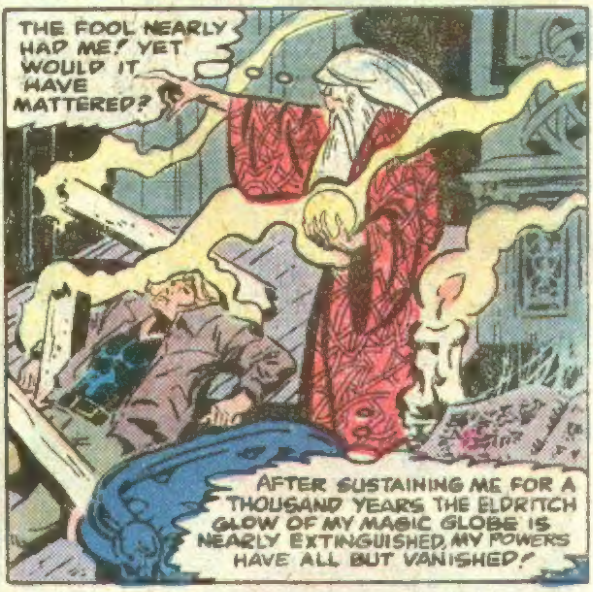
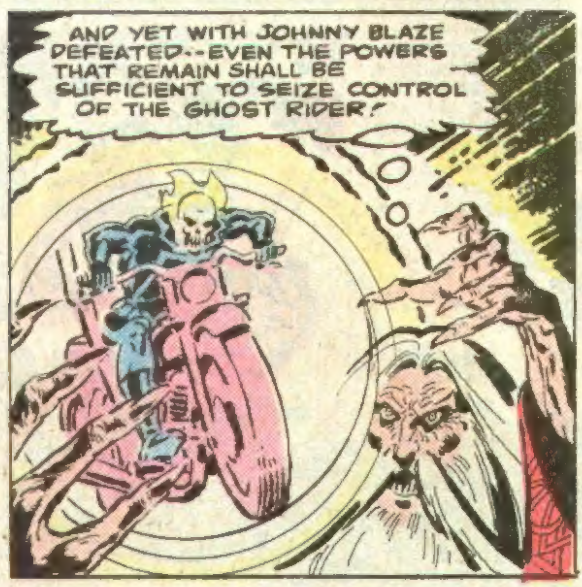

YET IT NEED NOT HAVE ENDED THUS! FOR IN THE INFINITE COMPLEXITY OF THE MULTIVERSE, THE MIGHT-HAVE-BEENS OF ONE WORLD BECOME THE REALITIES OF ANOTHER!
OBSERVE, IF YOU WILL, ONE OF THESE DIVERGENT WORLDS... A REALITY BROUGHT INTO BEING AT THAT PIVOTAL MOMENT WHEN JOHNNY BLAZE ATTEMPTED TO SHATTER AZAZIAH'S MAGIC GLOBE!

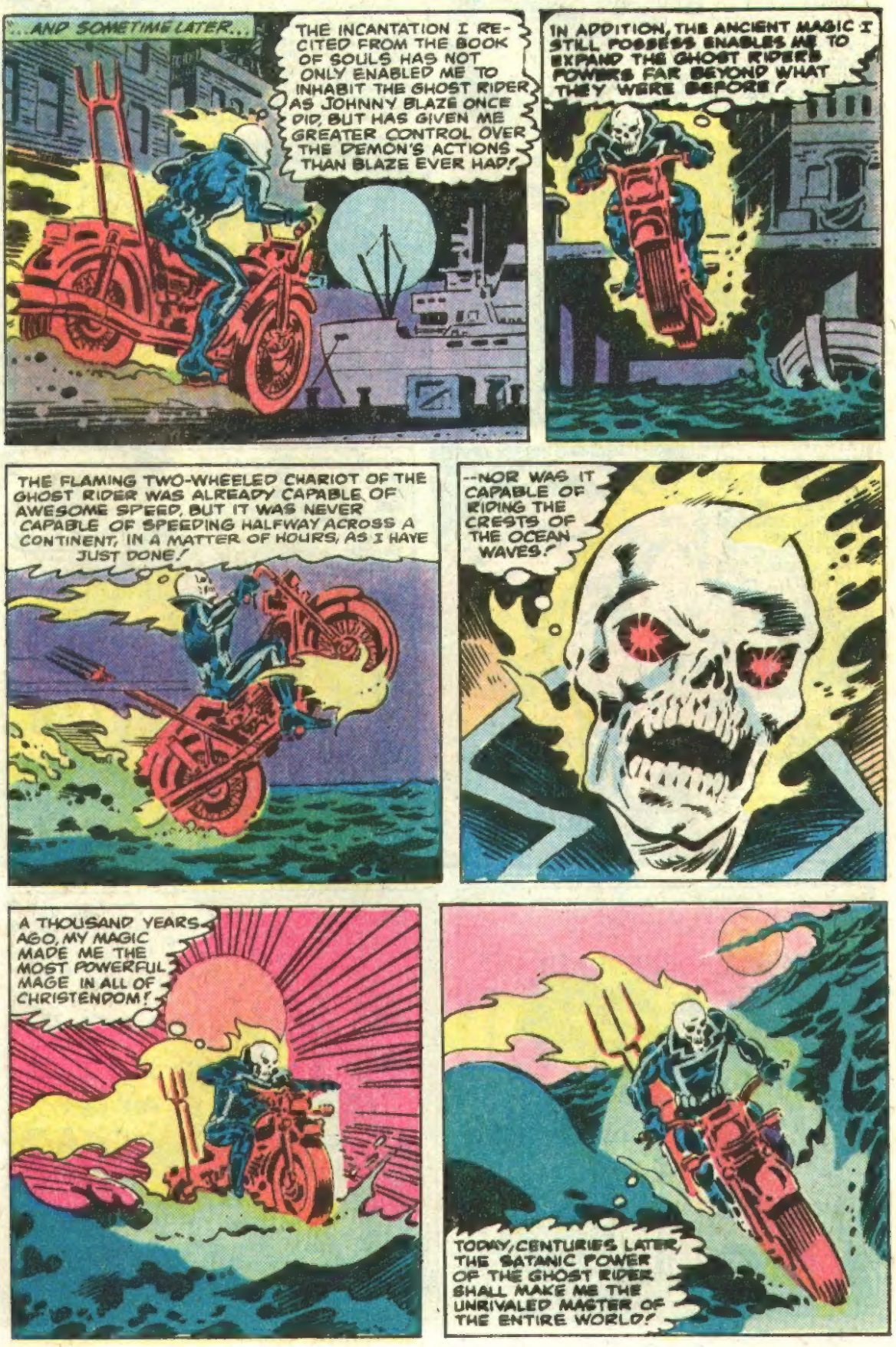
YOU SEEK TO DESTROY MY SOURCE OF POWER WITH A MERE PROJECTILE! BAH!
ZZZAAKK!
UNNHHH!


THE FOOL NEARLY HAD ME! YET WOULD IT HAVE MATTERED?
AFTER SUSTAINING ME FOR A THOUSAND YEARS THE ELDRITCH GLOW OF MY MAGIC GLOBE IS NEARLY EXTINGUISHED, MY POWERS HAVE ALL BUT VANISHED!

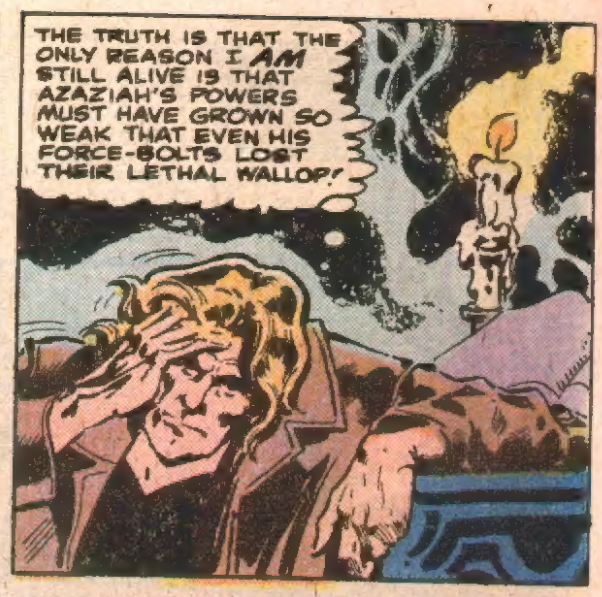

AND YET WITH JOHNNY BLAZE DEFEATED--EVEN THE POWERS THAT REMAIN SHALL BE SUFFICIENT TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THE GHOST RIDER!

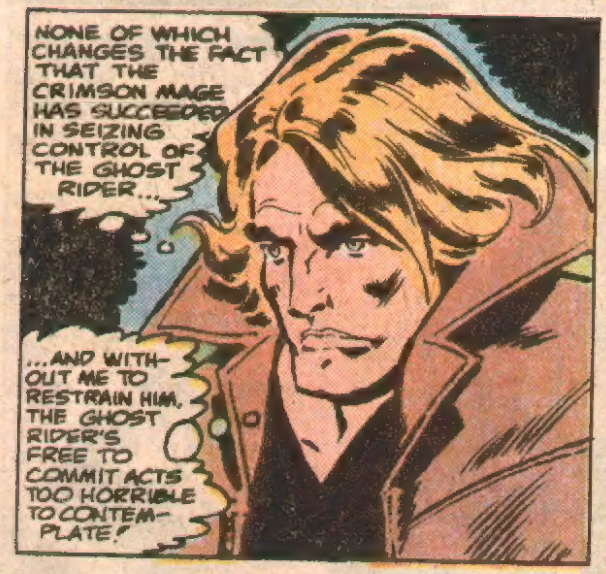
ALL I NEED DO NOW IS RECITE THE APPROPRIATE INCANTATION FROM THE BOOK OF SOULS... TO FORGE AN EVERLASTING BOND WITH THE DEMON THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTIL THE END OF TIME! THEN I SHALL ESTABLISH MY DOMINION OVER THE WORLD OF MEN!

AS THE AGED MAGE RECITES AN ARCANE INCANTATION BY SOME LONG-FORGOTTEN TONGUE, THE AIR IS RENT BY A FEARSOMING ROAR AND A BLINDING BLAZE OF INCANDESCENT LIGHT!...
AND WHEN THE THUNDEROUS ROAR HAS DIED AND THE BLINDING LIGHT HAS FADED...
BY ALL THE POWERS OF DARKNESS!--I-IT WORKED!
I CAN FEEL THE HELL-BORN POWER OF THE GHOST RIDER PULSATING WITHIN ME!
I HAVE ONLY TO CONCENTRATE... CONCENTRATE...
...AND INSTANTLY MY MORTALITY WILL BEGIN MELTING AWAY...
...UNTIL FINALLY I AM THE MAGE AZAZIAH NO LONGER...
NOW AND FOREVER I AM... GHOST RIDER!
NO LONGER WEAKENED BY THE ABSENCE OF A MORTAL HOST, THE GHOST RIDER STRETCHES FORTH A BLACK-GLOVED HAND...
...AND ROARS A MOTORCYCLE FROM ROARING HELL-FIRE!...
SOON THE PEARL OF CHRISTENDOM WILL REST IN THE PALM OF MY HAND AND THE ENTIRE CIVILIZED WORLD WILL COWER AT MY FEET!


...AND SOMETIME LATER...
THE INCANTATION I RECITED FROM THE BOOK OF SOULS HAS NOT ONLY ENABLED ME TO INHABIT THE GHOST RIDER AS JOHNNY BLAZE ONCE DID, BUT HAS GIVEN ME GREATER CONTROL OVER THE DEMON'S ACTIONS THAN BLAZE EVER HAD!
IN ADDITION, THE ANCIENT MAGIC I STILL POSSESS ENABLES ME TO EXPAND THE GHOST RIDER'S POWERS FAR BEYOND WHAT THEY WERE BEFORE!
THE FLAMING TWO-WHEELED CHARIOT OF THE GHOST RIDER WAS ALREADY CAPABLE OF AWESOME SPEED, BUT IT WAS NEVER CAPABLE OF SPEEDING HALFWAY ACROSS A CONTINENT, IN A MATTER OF HOURS, AS I HAVE JUST DONE!
--NOR WAS IT CAPABLE OF RIDING THE CRESTS OF THE OCEAN WAVES!
A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, MY MAGIC MADE ME THE MOST POWERFUL MAGE IN ALL OF CHRISTENDOM!
TODAY, CENTURIES LATER, THE SATANIC POWER OF THE GHOST RIDER SHALL MAKE ME THE UNRIVALED MASTER OF THE ENTIRE WORLD!

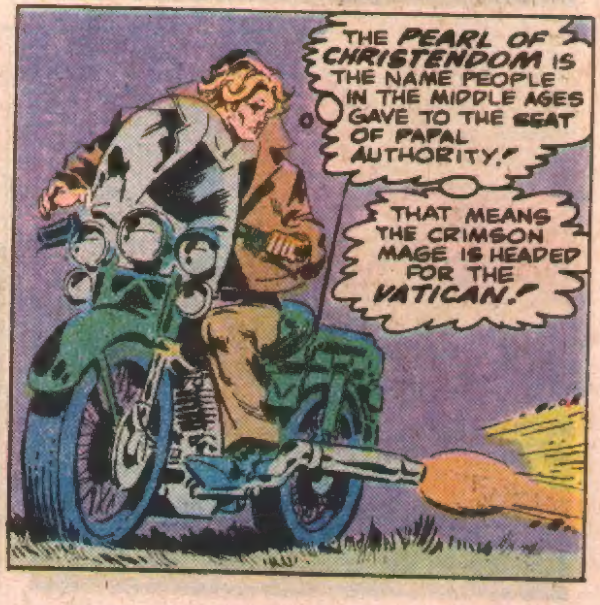
MEANWHILE...
UNHHH! I FEEL AS THOUGH I'VE JUST BEEN KICKED BY A TEN-TON MULE! BUT I GUESS I SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT I'M STILL ALIVE!


THE TRUTH IS THAT THE ONLY REASON I AM STILL ALIVE IS THAT AZAZIAH'S POWERS MUST HAVE GROWN SO WEAK THAT EVEN HIS FORCE-BOLTS LOST THEIR LETHAL WALLOP!


NONE OF WHICH CHANGES THE FACT THAT THE CRIMSON MAGE HAS SUCCEEDED IN SEIZING CONTROL OF THE GHOST RIDER...
...AND WITHOUT ME TO RESTRAIN HIM, THE GHOST RIDER'S FREE TO COMMIT ACTS TOO HORRIBLE TO CONTEMPLATE!

SOMEHOW AZAZIAH'S GOT TO BE STOPPED! BUT HOW THE HECK AM I SUPPOSED TO ACCOMPLISH THAT? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE HE...
..WAIT A SECOND!

THE GHOST RIDER MADE A REMARK ABOUT THE PEARL OF CHRISTENDOM BEING IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND!


THE PEARL OF CHRISTENDOM IS THE NAME PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE AGES GAVE TO THE SEAT OF PAPAL AUTHORITY!
THAT MEANS THE CRIMSON MAGE IS HEADED FOR THE VATICAN!

"INDEED...FOR AT THAT VERY MOMENT, MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND MILES AWAY...
HA HAAAA! MAKE WAY, PUNY MORTALS! MAKE WAY FOR A DEMON SPAWNED IN THE FIERY PITS OF HADES!
‹MOTHER OF HEAVEN! IT IS A MAN WEARING A MASK IN THE IMAGE OF DEATH ITSELF!›
‹LOOK MORE CLOSELY, SOPHIA! THAT'S NO MASK! AND THE MOTORCYCLE IS MADE OF FIRE!›
‹LOOK! HERE COME THE CARABINIERI!*›
*THE ITALIAN NATIONAL POLICE. -- D/M.
‹THIS FIERY RIDER! HE IS HEADING FOR VATICAN CITY!›
‹STOP! IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!›
HA HA HAA! STOP? I'LL STOP ALL RIGHT, MORTAL FOOLS... AFTER MY MISSION HAS BEEN COMPLETED!
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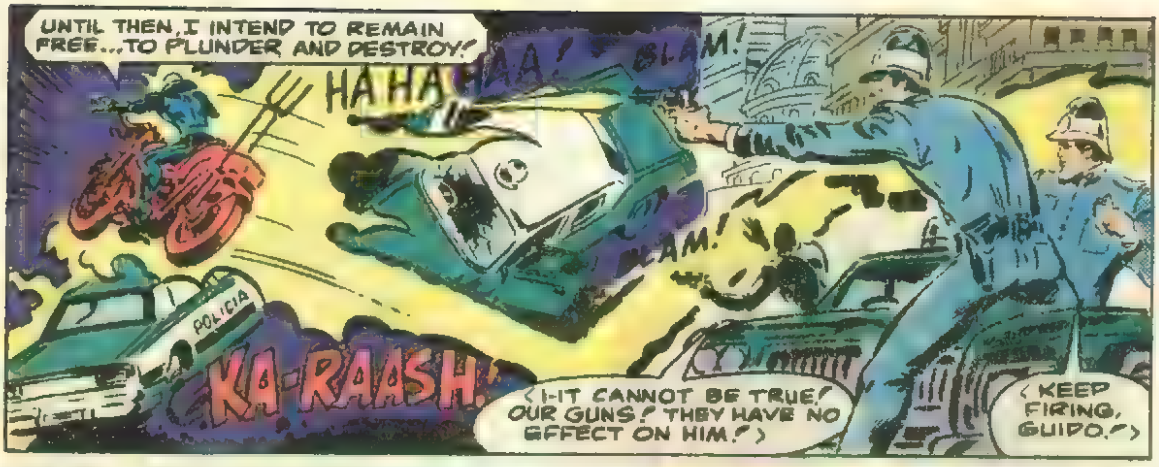

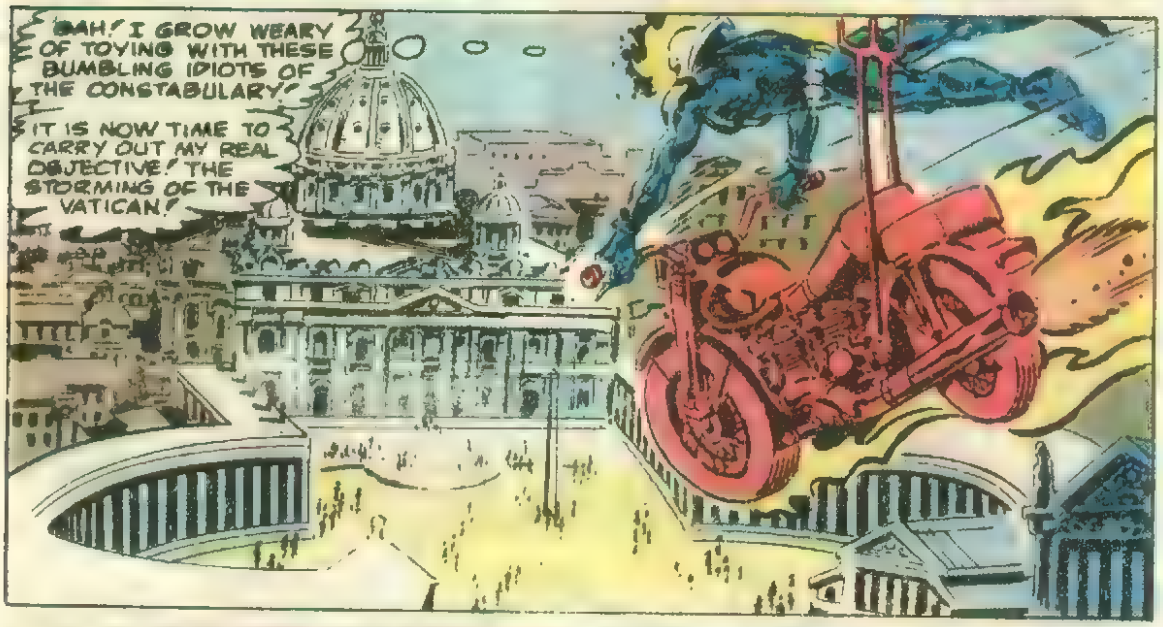

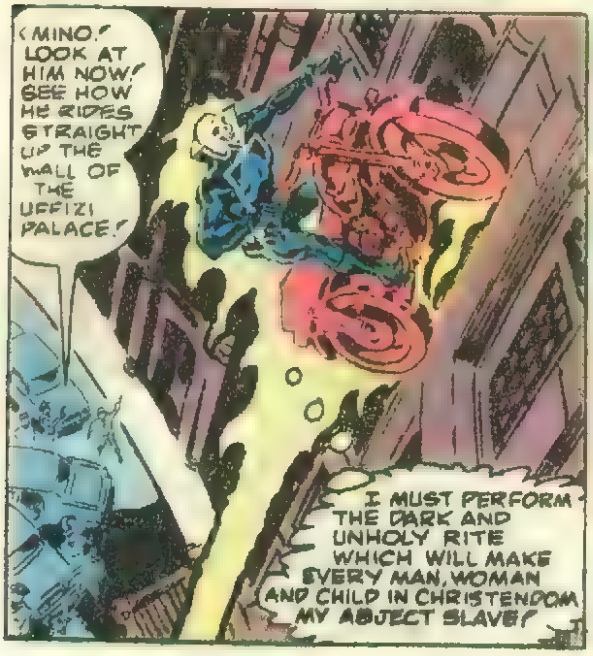

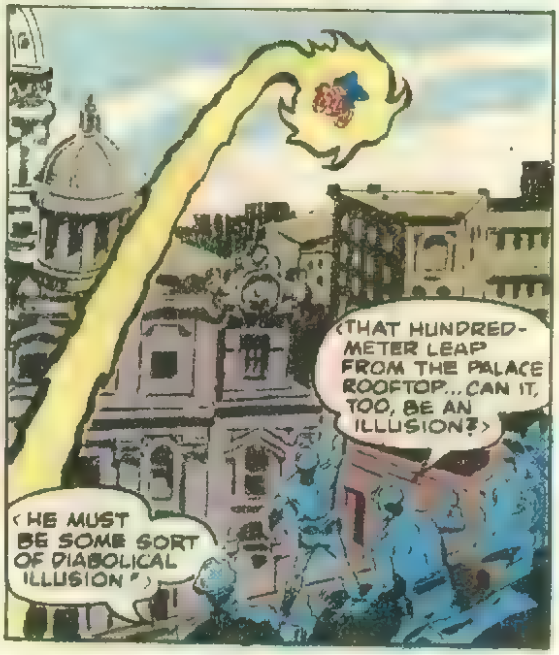
<THAT HUNDRED-METER LEAP FROM THE PALACE ROOFTOP...CAN IT, TOO, BE AN ILLUSION?>
<HE MUST BE SOME SORT OF DIABOLICAL ILLUSION!>

WHILE BACK IN THE UNITED STATES...
AT LEAST I STILL HAVE WHEELS, EVEN THOUGH I'M NO LONGER THE GHOST RIDER!
BUT THERE'S NO WAY ON EARTH THIS SCOOTER'S GONNA GET ME ALL THE WAY TO THE VATICAN!
AND I'M SO BROKE RIGHT NOW..I WOULDN'T HAVE ENOUGH A STAMP STEAMER TO COME MU... LESS BUY AN AIRLINE TICKET!
STILL, WITH A LITTLE BIT OF LUCK, I THINK I MAY HAVE THE PROBLEM LICKED!
HEY, BLONDIE! SLOW DOWN! CAN'T YOU READ? THIS AIRPORT IS STRICTLY PRIVATE!
STOP
PRIVATE AIR FIELD
KRASH!!!
WHY IS IT THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ARE INHOSPITABLE TO GUYS WHO RIDE MOTORCYCLES?
HEY, YOU! GET BACK INSIDE THAT COCKPIT! WE'RE GOING FOR A LITTLE RIDE!
WHAT...WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
CAN'T YOU GUESS? I'M A HIJACKER!

GET THIS MACHINE AIRBORNE! YOU'VE GOT TO FLY ME TO THE VATICAN!
THE VATICAN!? NOW LOOK HERE, YOUNG MAN! IF YOU HAVE SUCH DEEP-SEATED RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS--
--COULDN'T YOU WORSHIP AT A LOCAL..
DON'T ACT SMART WITH ME, MISTER! THIS IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!
OH, BROTHER! A LUNATIC!
MEANWHILE AT THE PAPAL RESIDENCE, IN THE HEART OF THE VATICAN...
WRA-AAAACK!
〈IN THE NAME OF HEAVEN! W-WHO..? WHAT...!?〉
HA HA HAAAA!
YOU MAY PRAY AS MUCH AS YOU WISH FOOLISH MORTAL! BUT I REPRESENT A REALM FAR REMOVED FROM HEAVEN! AND I AM HERE THIS DAY TO PAY A CALL ON HIS HOLINESS, HIMSELF!
〈MAN YOUR PIKES, BROTHERS! THE FIEND MUST NOT...〉
AH, BUT YOU ARE WRONG THERE, MORTAL! FOR IF I AM TO ESTABLISH MYSELF AS MONARCH OF ALL CHRISTENDOM...
...I CANNOT LET YOU DELAY ME!
〈NO! I-IT CAN'T BE! HE MERELY POINTED AT THE GROUND, AND IT CAUGHT FIRE!〉

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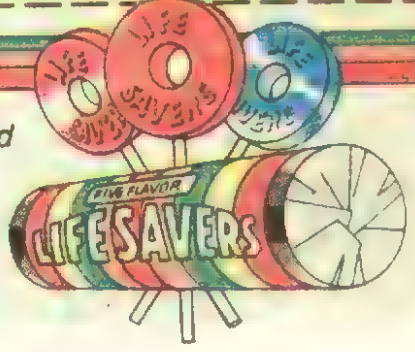
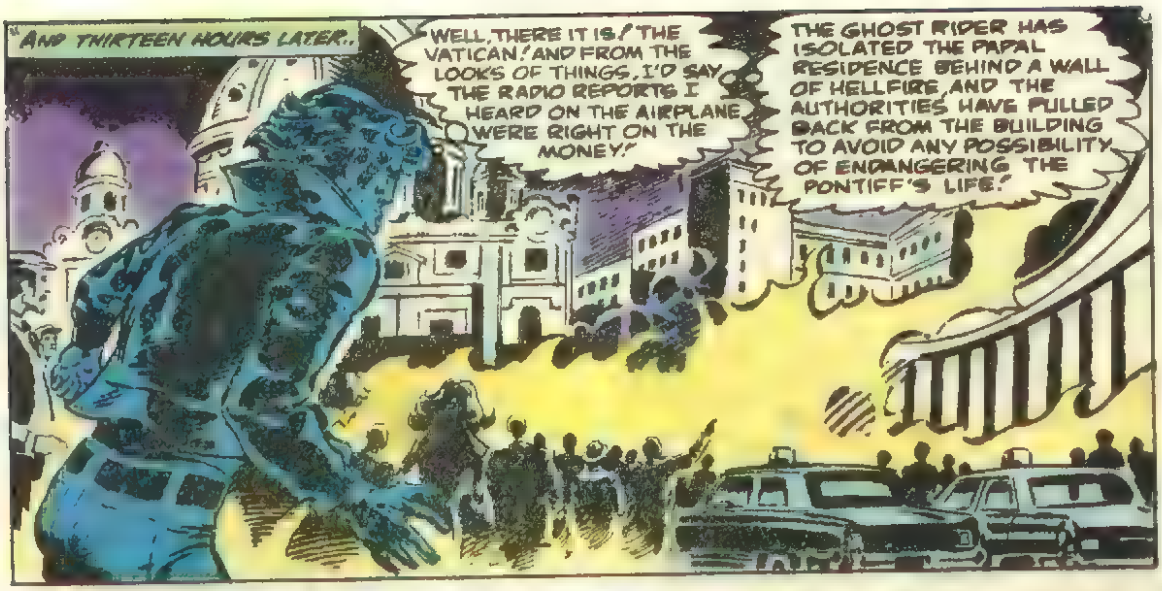
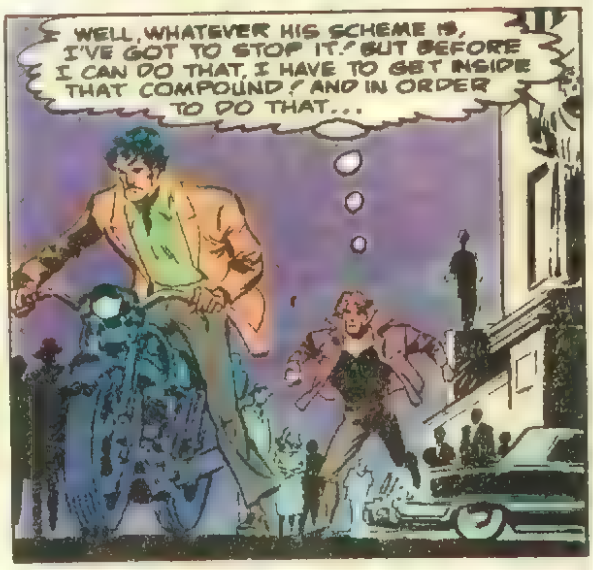
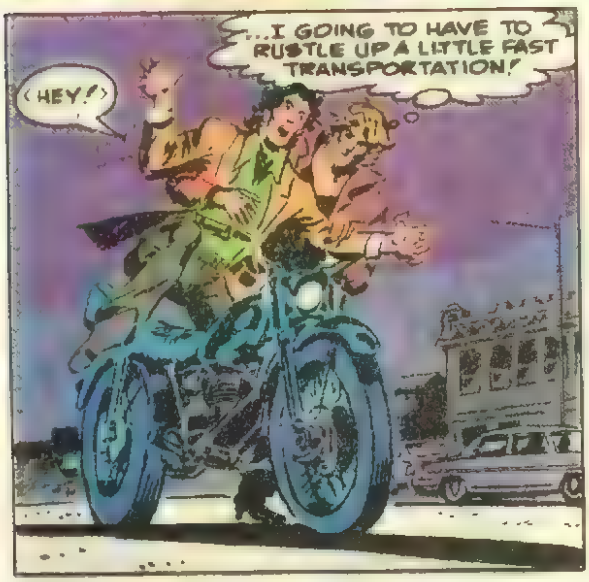


<WE'RE TRAPPED IN... A CIRCLE OF FIRE!>
INDEED YOU ARE! AND MY FIRE SHALL KEEP YOU SAFELY IMPRISONED UNTIL I HAVE CARRIED OUT MY MISSION...
...TO SEIZE THE POPE...!!
THWAM!
<IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY FATHER! WHO...>
MEN CALL ME THE GHOST RIDER, YOUR HOLINESS, FOR I AM A FIERY DEMON OF VENGEANCE SPAWNED IN THE BRIMSTONE PITS OF HELL!
AS FOR WHY I'M HERE, THE REASON IS SIMPLE! WHEN THE FULL MOON ATTAINS ITS ZENITH, YOUR HOLINESS, I MEAN TO COMMUNE WITH THE FORCES OF DARKNESS AND TO PERFORM AN UNHOLY HUMAN SACRIFICE THAT WILL MAKE ME MASTER OF THE ENTIRE CIVILIZED WORLD!
MEANWHILE, JOHNNY BLAZE AND HIS RELUCTANT PILOT ARE WINGING THEIR WAY ACROSS THE CHOPPY WATERS OF THE BLUE ATLANTIC...

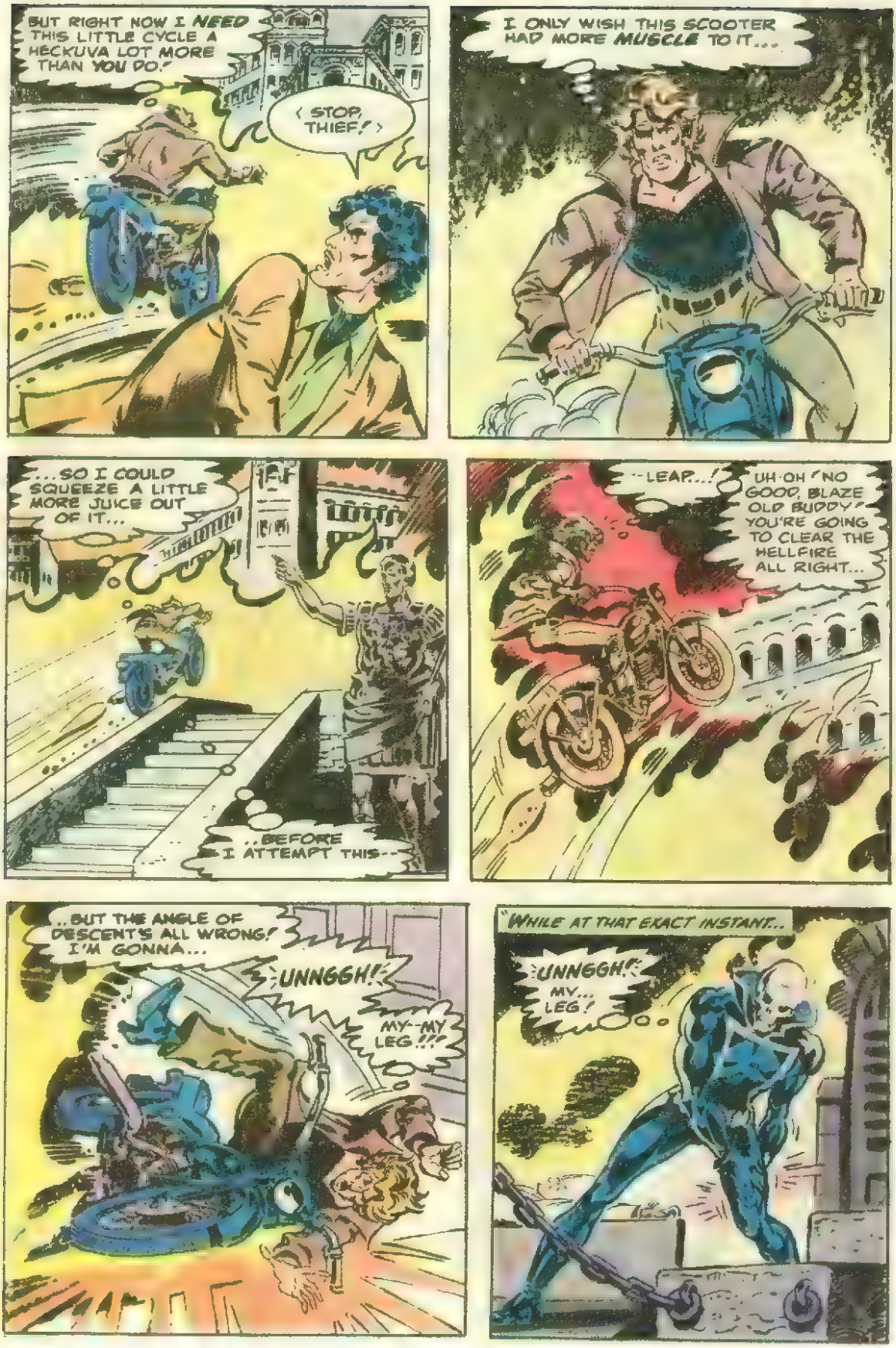

"AND THIRTEEN HOURS LATER..
WELL, THERE IT IS! THE VATICAN! AND FROM THE LOOK'S OF THINGS, I'D SAY THE RADIO REPORTS I HEARD ON THE AIRPLANE WERE RIGHT ON THE MONEY!
THE GHOST RIDER HAS ISOLATED THE PAPAL RESIDENCE BEHIND A WALL OF HELLFIRE, AND THE AUTHORITIES HAVE PULLED BACK FROM THE BUILDING TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF ENDANGERING THE PONTIFF'S LIFE!

BUT WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME COULD THE CRIMSON MAGE BE UP TO? WHAT CAN HE POSSIBLY HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH BY MAKING A HOSTAGE OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT RELIGIOUS LEADERS?

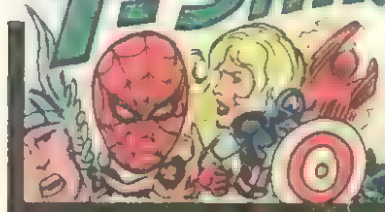

WELL, WHATEVER HIS SCHEME IS, I'VE GOT TO STOP IT! BUT BEFORE I CAN DO THAT, I HAVE TO GET INSIDE THAT COMPOUND! AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT...


...I GOING TO HAVE TO RUSTLE UP A LITTLE FAST TRANSPORTATION!
HEY!

I'M REAL SORRY ABOUT THIS, FRIEND! I KNOW THIS ISN'T ANY WAY TO FOSTER BROTHERHOOD BETWEEN NATIONS!
OOOFF!
CHOK!


BUT RIGHT NOW I NEED THIS LITTLE CYCLE A HECKUVA LOT MORE THAN YOU DO.
‹ STOP, THIEF! ›
I ONLY WISH THIS SCOOTER HAD MORE MUSCLE TO IT...
...SO I COULD SQUEEZE A LITTLE MORE JUICE OUT OF IT...
..BEFORE I ATTEMPT THIS--
--LEAP...!
UH-OH ! NO GOOD, BLAZE OLD BUDDY ! YOU'RE GOING TO CLEAR THE HELLFIRE ALL RIGHT...
..BUT THE ANGLE OF DESCENT'S ALL WRONG! I'M GONNA...
UNNGGH!
MY--MY LEG!!!
WHILE AT THAT EXACT INSTANT...
UNNGGH!
MY... LEG!

'T' SHIRTS!!!



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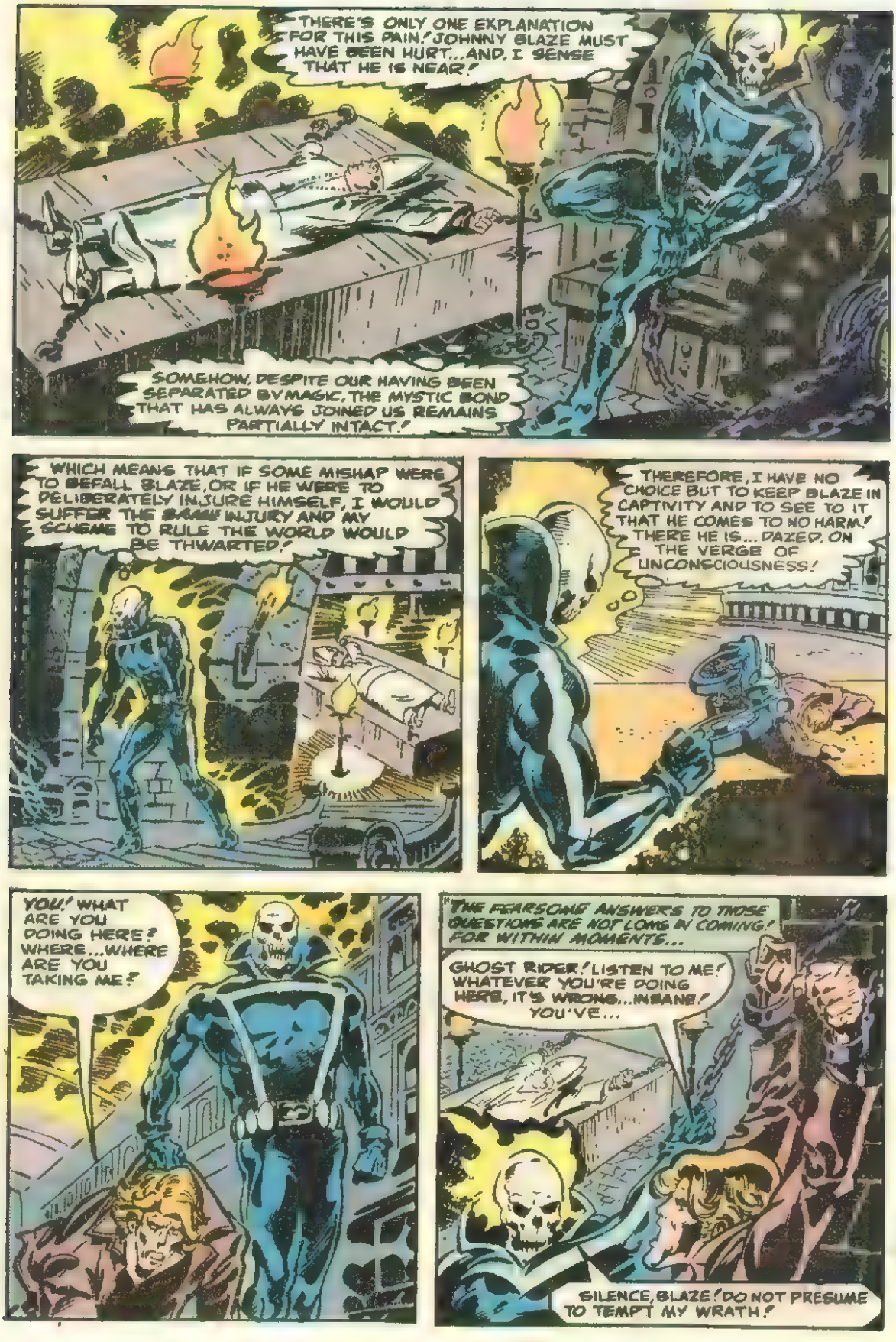
THERE'S ONLY ONE EXPLANATION FOR THIS PAIN! JOHNNY BLAZE MUST HAVE BEEN HURT...AND, I SENSE THAT HE IS NEAR!
SOMEHOW, DESPITE OUR HAVING BEEN SEPARATED BY MAGIC, THE MYSTIC BOND THAT HAS ALWAYS JOINED US REMAINS PARTIALLY INTACT!
WHICH MEANS THAT IF SOME MISHAP WERE TO BEFALL BLAZE, OR IF HE WERE TO DELIBERATELY INJURE HIMSELF, I WOULD SUFFER THE *SAME* INJURY AND MY SCHEME TO RULE THE WORLD WOULD BE THWARTED!
THEREFORE, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KEEP BLAZE IN CAPTIVITY AND TO SEE TO IT THAT HE COMES TO NO HARM! THERE HE IS... DAZED, ON THE VERGE OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS!
YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHERE...WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
"THE FEARSOME ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS ARE NOT LONG IN COMING! FOR WITHIN MOMENTS...
GHOST RIDER! LISTEN TO ME! WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING HERE, IT'S WRONG...INSANE! YOU'VE...
SILENCE, BLAZE! DO NOT PRESUME TO TEMPT MY WRATH!

FOR AT THIS VERY MOMENT, THE FULL MOON IS AT ITS ZENITH IN THE HEAVENS, AND THEREFORE...
...THE UNHOLY SACRIFICE IS...
...ABOUT TO BEGIN.'
BY ASMODEUS AND MOLOCH AND MAMMON AND KOTH! I CALL TO THEE, O SCIMITAR OF RA-MON-BETH, TO MATERIALIZE AT MY COMMAND FROM OUT OF THE NETHERWORLD, TO CLAIM THE MORTAL HEART AND IMMORTAL SOUL OF THIS PONTIFF, AND TO GRANT ME, IN EXCHANGE, CONTROL OVER THE MINDS AND WILLS OF EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN CHRISTENDOM!
HOLY--!
THAT SCIMITAR, MATERIALIZING FROM NOWHERE IN RESPONSE TO HIS INCANTATION! I-IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!
BUT UNBELIEVABLE OR NOT, IT'S HAPPENING!
A MODERN-DAY MEGALOMANIAC MIGHT TRY TO TAKE OVER THE WHITE HOUSE OR SEIZE THE U.N.! BUT TO AZAZIAH, WHO REACHED THE HEIGHT OF HIS POWERS DURING THE DARK AGES, THE VATICAN IS THE CENTER OF CIVILIZATION...

..AND APPARENTLY HIS MAGIC IS ABOUT TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO HAND OVER THE SOUL OF THE POPE IN EXCHANGE FOR SOME SORT OF MIND-CONTROL OVER THE ENTIRE CHRISTIAN POPULATION OF EARTH!
I JUST CAN'T STAND HERE AND WATCH IT HAPPEN! BUT WHAT CAN I DO?
THAT SCIMITAR IS JUST INCHES FROM THE POPE NOW, AND THERE'S NO WAY I'M EVER GOING TO BE ABLE TO BREAK THESE CHAINS!
BUT MAYBE I WON'T HAVE TO! THE IRON RINGS HOLDING THE CHAINS ARE EMBEDDED IN THE MORTAR-- AND THE MORTAR BETWEEN THESE ANCIENT STONES IS AS DRY AS DUST!
IF I STRAIN WITH ALL MY >UNNGHH< STRENGTH--
--I JUST MIGHT BE ABLE TO PULL THEM...
...FREE!
STOP! I COMMAND YOU... BY ALL THE POWERS OF DARKNESS!

GIVE UP, BLAZE! YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE!
MAYBE NOT, BUT IF THIS SCIMITAR PACKS HALF THE POWER I THINK IT DOES...
..IT OUGHT TO BE POTENT ENOUGH TO GET BOTH ME AND THE PONTIFF OUT OF HERE!
HOLD STILL, YOUR HOLINESS...
CLANG
..WHILE I DO MY BEST TO CUT YOU LOOSE...!
KLANG
YOU'RE A FOOL, JOHNNY BLAZE, TO THINK YOU CAN SO EASILY THWART MY SCHEMES!
AN AGED MAGICIAN YOU MIGHT INDEED DEFEAT!
BUT THE GHOST RIDER?
NEVER..!"

I-I GUESS I KNEW IT WOULD COME DOWN TO THIS.. JUST ME AND THE GHOST RIDER, ONE ON ONE!
YOU WERE A FOOL TO TRIFLE WITH ME, BLAZE! ONE TOUCH OF THESE HANDS AND YOUR MORTAL SOUL WILL WRITHE IN ETERNAL TORMENT!
HE'S RIGHT! IF HE ZAPS ME WITH HIS HELLFIRE, MY SOUL WILL BE DESTROYED! BUT SINCE HE DOESN'T HAVE A SOUL, HE'LL STILL BE SAFE!
AND YET, IF I USE THIS SCIMITAR AGAINST HIM, IT'LL MEAN..
NO! I-I CAN'T STOP TO THINK ABOUT THAT NOW! THE LIFE OF A GREAT, NOBLE MAN--THE FATE OF THE WORLD, ARE AT STAKE! NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME...
...I KNOW WHAT I MUST DO! AND I'VE GOT TO DO IT NOW!
BLAZE! NO! PUT DOWN THE SCIMITAR!
GHAAAAA!
TSACK!
FOOLISH MORTAL..!
DON'T YOU REALIZE...

...YOU'VE DESTROYED US...
..ALL..
H-HE'S RIGHT..! OF...OF COURSE HE'S RIGHT!
SO LONG AS THAT MYSTIC BOND EXISTED... WHATEVER INJURY I INFLICTED ON THE GHOST RIDER... I ALSO INFLICTED ON MYSELF!
BUT THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY.' AT LEAST THIS WAY THE PONTIFF IS SAFE! AND THE WORLD...
...THE WORLD...
THUS DOES THE RACE END FOR STUNT-BIKER JOHNNY BLAZE! AT THE COST OF HIS OWN MORTAL LIFE, HE HAS FOREVER RID HIMSELF OF THE DEMON WHICH PLAGUED HIM! NOW, AT LONG LAST, HE SHALL KNOW PEACE...
END

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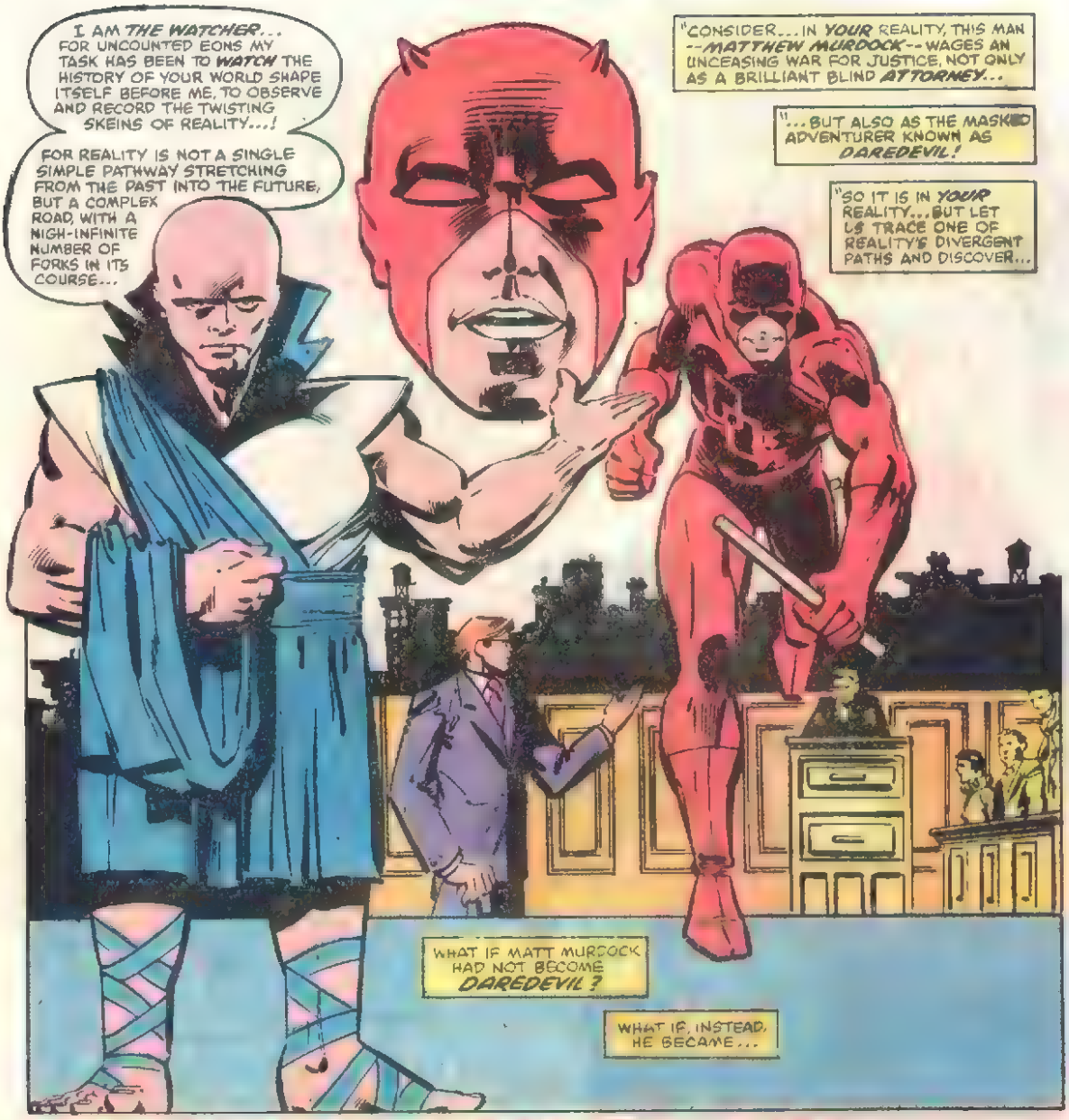

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"LET US PEER INTO THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT PAST--

--INTO THE HELL'S KITCHEN APARTMENT OF BOXER *BATTLIN' JACK MURDOCK*, AND HIS 8-YEAR-OLD SON, *MATT*...

AW, DAD, I CAN STUDY LATER! I WANNA GO OUT AND PLAY BALL WITH THE GANG!

NO, MATT, YOU'LL DO IT *NOW*! YOU'LL STUDY EVERY CHANCE YOU GET, HEAR?

I PROMISED YOUR *MOTHER*, BEFORE SHE DIED, THAT I WOULDN'T LET YOU GROW UP TO BE AN UNEDUCATED PUG LIKE ME! YOU'RE GOING TO AMOUNT TO SOMETHING, MATT...

...NOW I WANT YOU TO PROMISE *ME*, MATT--

--PROMISE ME YOU'LL STUDY, YOU'LL BECOME SOMEBODY WHO WORKS WITH HIS *MIND*, NOT HIS *BACK*! SOMEBODY *IMPORTANT*, LIKE A DOCTOR, OR A LAWYER...

...PROMISE ME, MATT... ME AND YOUR MOTHER!

I PROMISE, DAD! YOU'LL BE PROUD OF ME! YOU'LL SEE...

"THE YEARS PASS QUICKLY FOR YOUNG MURDOCK. IN HIGH SCHOOL, HE BECOMES A TOP STUDENT. THEN, ONE DAY...

THAT OLD BLIND MAN-- HE'LL BE HIT BY THAT *TRUCK*... UNLESS...

LOOK *OUT*, MISTER!

"YOUNG MATT'S HEROIC ACT IS SUCCESSFUL! BUT EVEN THOUGH THE MAN'S LIFE IS SAVED, THE TRUCK STILL CRASHES...

GOTTA GET THIS ? KOFF! CANISTER OUTTA THE *FIRE* ...IT MIGHT *EXPLODE*--!

"THE CANISTER STRIKES THE STREET AND OPENS...

"MATT MURDOCK STARES STRAIGHT AT THE RADIO-ACTIVE CARGO...

'...AND AN INSTANT LATER, HIS EYES ARE CLOSED--FOR-EVER!

'IN NEARLY ALL WORLDS WHERE THERE IS A MATT MURDOCK, IT BEGINS THIS WAY...

...WITH YOUNG MATT USING HIS ATHLETIC SKILL-- THE SKILL HE DEVELOPED BY TRAINING *SECRETLY* TO AVOID HIS FATHER'S WRATH-- TO SAVE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER.'

HOWEVER, NOT ALL WORLDS END UP WITH THE BOY BECOMING A COSTUMED CRIME-FIGHTER...

LET US NOW SEE HOW A SINGLE DIVERGENT FACTOR CAN CAUSE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE...

A WORLD THAT TRULY DIVERGED WHEN A YOUNG INDUSTRIALIST OF GENIUS STATURE DECIDED, ON A HUNCH, TO FOLLOW HIS COMPANY'S TRUCK ON ITS PERIL-FRAUGHT ROUTE...
BLAST IT, I TOLD THEM NOT TO TAKE THAT STUFF THROUGH MANHATTAN! GIVEN FIVE MINUTES, I COULD HAVE ARRANGED FOR AIR TRANSPORT!
...BUT RIGHT NOW, THAT BOY NEEDS HELP! GET ANOTHER MAN, SERGEANT!
YES, SIR MR STARK.
PUT HIM IN THE BACK OF MY CAR, BOYS! NICE AND EASY, NOW!
WHY YOUR CAR, MR. STARK? AN AMBULANCE COULD GET 'IM TO A HOSPITAL FASTER!
NOT THE HOSPITAL I HAVE IN MIND, BOYS!
OH, WOW!
AT LAST! MY SURVEILLANCE OF TONY STARK HAS PAID OFF! MY SUPERIORS WILL WISH TO KNOW ABOUT THE BOY!
AGENT 5 TO HYDRA HEAD. COME IN HYDRA HEAD...
"AND MINUTES LATER, IN A NEWLY-COMPLETED HELI-CARRIER, MILES ABOVE THE EARTH...
"...TONY STARK CONFERS WITH COLONEL NICK FURY-- THE RECENTLY-APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D.,* AMERICA'S FOREMOST ESPIONAGE AGENCY--
ARE YOU SAYING I DID THE WRONG THING IN BRINGING THE BOY HERE, COLONEL?
I AIN'T SAYIN' NOTHIN' A' THE KIND, STARK AN YOU KNOW IT!
IT'S JUST THAT I GOT ENOUGH TROUBLES GETTIN' SHIELD OPERATIONAL WITHOUT ANY MORE WORRIES!
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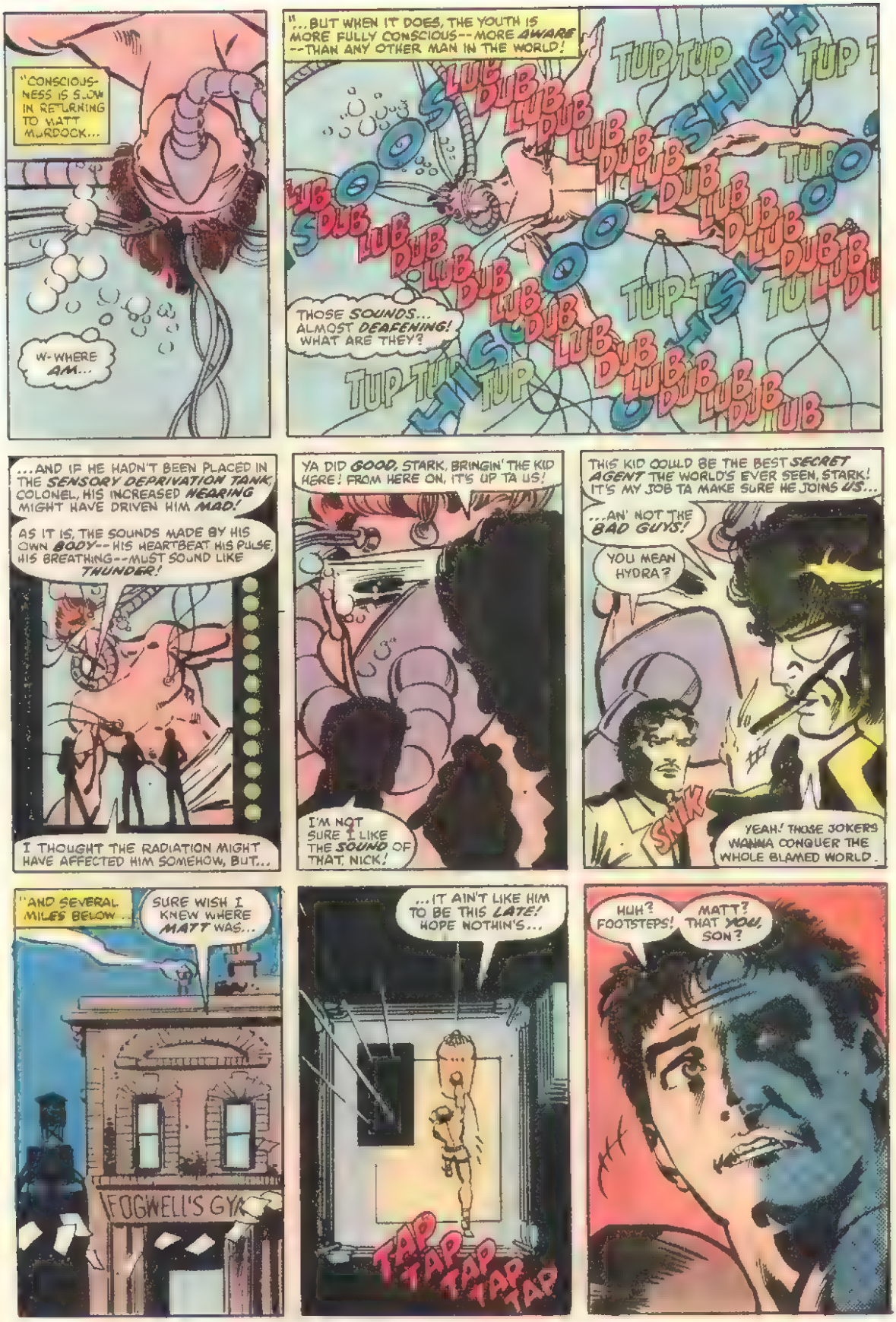
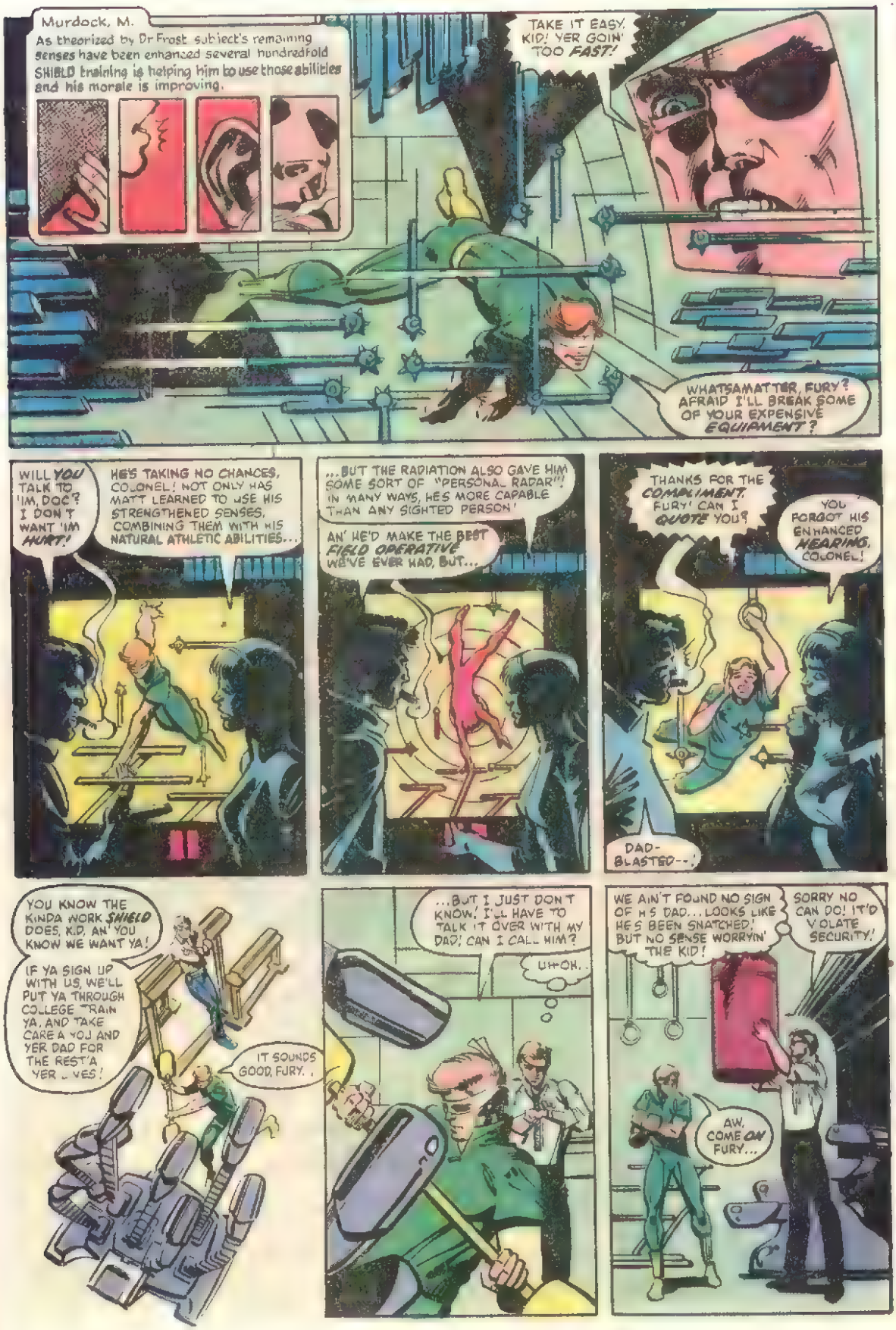

"CONSCIOUSNESS IS SLOW IN RETURNING TO MATT MURDOCK...
W-WHERE AM...
"...BUT WHEN IT DOES, THE YOUTH IS MORE FULLY CONSCIOUS--MORE AWARE --THAN ANY OTHER MAN IN THE WORLD!
TUP TUP TUP
LUB DUB LUB DUB LUB DUB LUB DUB
OOSH
THOSE SOUNDS... ALMOST DEAFENING! WHAT ARE THEY?
...AND IF HE HADN'T BEEN PLACED IN THE SENSORY DEPRIVATION TANK, COLONEL, HIS INCREASED HEARING MIGHT HAVE DRIVEN HIM MAD!
AS IT IS, THE SOUNDS MADE BY HIS OWN BODY--HIS HEARTBEAT HIS PULSE, HIS BREATHING--MUST SOUND LIKE THUNDER!
I THOUGHT THE RADIATION MIGHT HAVE AFFECTED HIM SOMEHOW, BUT...
YA DID GOOD, STARK, BRINGIN' THE KID HERE! FROM HERE ON, IT'S UP TA US!
I'M NOT SURE I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT, NICK!
THIS KID COULD BE THE BEST SECRET AGENT THE WORLD'S EVER SEEN, STARK! IT'S MY JOB TA MAKE SURE HE JOINS US...
...AN' NOT THE BAD GUYS!
YOU MEAN HYDRA?
SNIK
YEAH! THOSE JOKERS WANNA CONQUER THE WHOLE BLAMED WORLD.
"AND SEVERAL MILES BELOW...
SURE WISH I KNEW WHERE MATT WAS...
FOGWELL'S GYM
...IT AIN'T LIKE HIM TO BE THIS LATE! HOPE NOTHIN'S...
TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
HUH? FOOTSTEPS!
MATT? THAT YOU, SON?

HI, SON! LEMME SHOWER, AND WE'LL HEAD ON HOME!
DON'T HURRY ON MY ACCOUNT--
--DAD!
MATT, WHAT--
OOOOF!
MURDOCK LIFE MODEL DECOY TO HYDRA HEAD... DECEPTION SUCCESSFUL...SEND PICKUP FOR SELF AND CAPTIVE...
THANKS FOR TAKING ME OUT OF THAT TANK, DR. FROST...
...I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA GROW GILLS! AND COULD YOU WATCH THAT CIGAR, FURY? IT SMELLS LIKE A SMOKE-STACK!
HOLD STILL, MATT, AND I'LL GET THESE BANDAGES OFF...
PESKY K.D.!
WELL? AREN'T YOU GONNA TAKE 'EM OFF MY EYES?
OH DEAR.
THEY ARE OFF, K.D.
THEY... ARE?
NO! THAT STUFF BLINDED ME! NOOOO..!
TAKE IT EASY, KID! IT AIN'T AS BAD AS YA THINK! YOU'LL... FIND THAT OUT!
OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BLINDED, KID... YOU AIN'T THE FIRST! WE'LL HELP YA!
BLIND... I'M BLIND...


Murdock, M.
As theorized by Dr Frost subject's remaining senses have been enhanced several hundredfold SHIELD training is helping him to use those abilities and his morale is improving.
TAKE IT EASY, KID! YER GOIN' TOO FAST!
WHATSAMATTER, FURY? AFRAID I'LL BREAK SOME OF YOUR EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT?
WILL YOU TALK TO 'IM, DOC? I DON'T WANT 'IM HURT!
HE'S TAKING NO CHANCES, COLONEL! NOT ONLY HAS MATT LEARNED TO USE HIS STRENGTHENED SENSES, COMBINING THEM WITH HIS NATURAL ATHLETIC ABILITIES...
...BUT THE RADIATION ALSO GAVE HIM SOME SORT OF "PERSONAL RADAR"! IN MANY WAYS, HE'S MORE CAPABLE THAN ANY SIGHTED PERSON!
AN' HE'D MAKE THE BEST FIELD OPERATIVE WE'VE EVER HAD, BUT...
THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT, FURY! CAN I QUOTE YOU?
YOU FORGOT HIS ENHANCED HEARING, COLONEL!
DAD-BLASTED--!
YOU KNOW THE KINDA WORK SHIELD DOES, KID, AN' YOU KNOW WE WANT YA!
IF YA SIGN UP WITH US, WE'LL PUT YA THROUGH COLLEGE TRAIN YA, AND TAKE CARE A YOJ AND YER DAD FOR THE REST'A YER LIVES!
IT SOUNDS GOOD, FURY...
...BUT I JUST DON'T KNOW! I'LL HAVE TO TALK IT OVER WITH MY DAD! CAN I CALL HIM?
UH-OH.
WE AIN'T FOUND NO SIGN OF HIS DAD... LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN SNATCHED! BUT NO SENSE WORRYIN' THE KID!
SORRY NO CAN DO! IT'D VIOLATE SECURITY!
AW, COME ON FURY...

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I SAID "NO KID. YER DAD KNOWS YER A-- RIGHT! NOW DROP IT OKAY?
FUNNY... FURY'S HEART IS BEATING MORE RAPIDLY... WONDER WHAT THAT MEANS?
SOUNDS ALMOST LIKE A LIE DETECTOR, OR-- WAIT A MINUTE!
YOU'RE LYING, FURY! I WANT THE TRUTH-- NOW!
WHAT THE--?
I DUNNO HOW IN BLAZES YOU FOUND OUT, KID--
--BUT YER DAD'S BEEN CAPTURED BY HYDRA AGENTS... THEY'LL PROBABLY USE HIM AS BAIT FER YOU!
AND YOU DIDN'T TELL ME? WHY?
WE'RE LOOKIN FOR HIM BUT WE DIDN'T WANNA WORRY YOU!
WORRY ME? HE MAY HAVE BEEN DEAD FOR A MONTH!
--AND YOU "HOUGH" TELLING ME MIGHT WORRY ME?!
UNHHH
I'M SORRY, KID-- BUT WE'LL FIND HIM, YA GOT MY WORD!
YOU CAN TAKE YOUR WORD AND SHOVE 'IT FURY. AND BY THE WAY...
...YOU JUST LOST YOURSELF AN AGENT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GONNA DO, DR. FROST...
... DAD COULD BE DEAD-- AND I'M SITTING ON MY HANDS, HELPLESS
WOULD YOU HELP HIM IF YOU COULD, MATT?
HELP HIM? I'D DO ANYTHING BUT--
I CAN TAKE YOU TO HIM MATT-- BUT ALONE!
HUH? BUT HOW DO YOU--
LET'S JUST SAY I'VE GOT CONTACTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FENCE. I'LL TAKE YOU TO YOUR DAD TONIGHT, OKAY?
O-- OKAY.
"THAT NIGHT, YOUNG MATT AND THE DOUBLE-AGENT FROST OBTAIN TRANSPORTATION OFF THE HELI-CARRIER-- AS MATT LEARNS HIS FIRST LESSON IN THE FINE ART OF TREASON!

"BUT DO NOT JUDGE MATT MURDOCK TOO HARSHLY! FOR ALL HIS YOUTHFUL INSOUCIANCE AND SELF-CONFIDENCE, HE IS STILL ONLY A BOY...
"...AND A BOY WHO DOES NOT FULLY GRASP THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACT...
AROOOGA
AROO
AROOGA
"...A BOY WHOSE MIND CANNOT FULLY REALIZE THE TREACHERY AND DUPLICITY OF AN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS HYDRA...
"...BUT MOST OF ALL... A BOY--AN AMATEUR IN THIS DEADLY GAME--WHO WANTS ONLY TO SEE HIS FATHER!
"SUCH AMATEURS MAY, FOR A TIME, OUTPLAY THEIR PROFESSIONAL OPPONENTS...
"...BUT EVENTUALLY TRAINING AND SKILL WIN OUT, AND THE ONLY MOVES TO BE MADE...
"...ARE CHECK
"...AND MATE!
NO! CAN'T LET EM GET ME! GOTTA GET TO DAD! GOT TO!
ANYWAY I...
...CAN..?
BLASTED IDJIT KID! I OUGHTTA LET YA FALL...
...BUT SHIELD'S GOT TOO MUCH INVESTED IN YA!

"AND BACK INSIDE."
WHAT KINDA FOOL TRICK WAS THAT? HYDRA'D NEVER LET YOU OR YER DAD GO!
AT LEAST I WAS DOING SOMETHING FURY--NOT JUST SITTING ON MY DUFF!
WE JUST FOUND OUT WHERE YER DAD'S BEIN' HELD! WE'RE GONNA SPRING HIM TONIGHT!
I'LL MAKE YOU A DEAL, FURY...
...YOU WANT ME AS A SHIELD AGENT? YOU GOT ME..
...JUST LET ME GO IN AND SAVE MY DAD.
KID...
...YOU SHOULDA BEEN A LAWYER!
'THAT NIGHT, CLOUDS GATHER ACROSS THE ORB OF THE MOON, AS THOUGH BLINDING IT..
...A SYMBOLIC OCCURRENCE.
'.. BUT ONE LOST ON THESE TWO FIGURES, NAVIGATING TOWARD A HYDRA BASE ON THE FETID BOTTOM OF NEW YORK'S EAST RIVER.
HERE SHE COMES, AND SHE'S GOT THE BOY!
WAIT A MINUTE, SOMETHING'S WRONG! IT'S HIM--
FOOSHH
--BUT IT AIN'T UNGGGH!
THAT MANNEQUIN FOOLED 'EM JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GET CLOSE... NOW COMES THE EASY PART!
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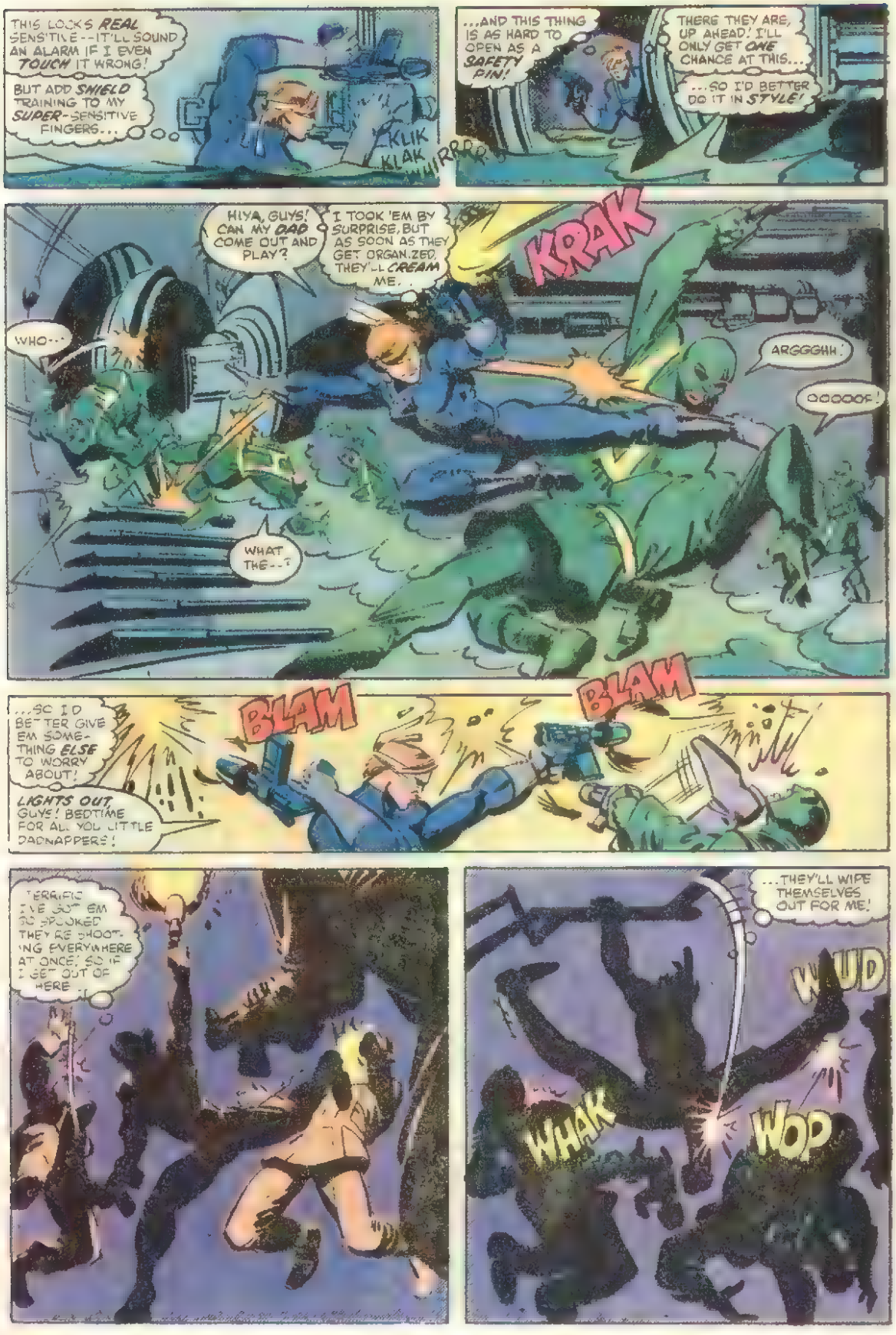
THIS LOCKS REAL SENSITIVE--IT'LL SOUND AN ALARM IF I EVEN TOUCH IT WRONG!
BUT ADD SHIELD TRAINING TO MY SUPER-SENSITIVE FINGERS...
KLIK KLAK
...AND THIS THING IS AS HARD TO OPEN AS A SAFETY PIN!
THERE THEY ARE, UP AHEAD! I'LL ONLY GET ONE CHANCE AT THIS...
...SO I'D BETTER DO IT IN STYLE!
HIYA, GUYS! CAN MY DAD COME OUT AND PLAY?
I TOOK 'EM BY SURPRISE, BUT AS SOON AS THEY GET ORGAN.ZED, THEY'LL CREAM ME.
KRAK
WHO...
ARGGGHH!
OOOOOF!
WHAT THE--?
...SO I'D BETTER GIVE 'EM SOMETHING ELSE TO WORRY ABOUT!
BLAM
BLAM
LIGHTS OUT, GUYS! BEDTIME FOR ALL YOU LITTLE DADNAPPERS!
TERRIFIC! I'VE GOT 'EM SO SPOOKED THEY'RE SHOOTING EVERYWHERE AT ONCE, SO IF I GET OUT OF HERE...
...THEY'LL WIPE THEMSELVES OUT FOR ME!
WHAK
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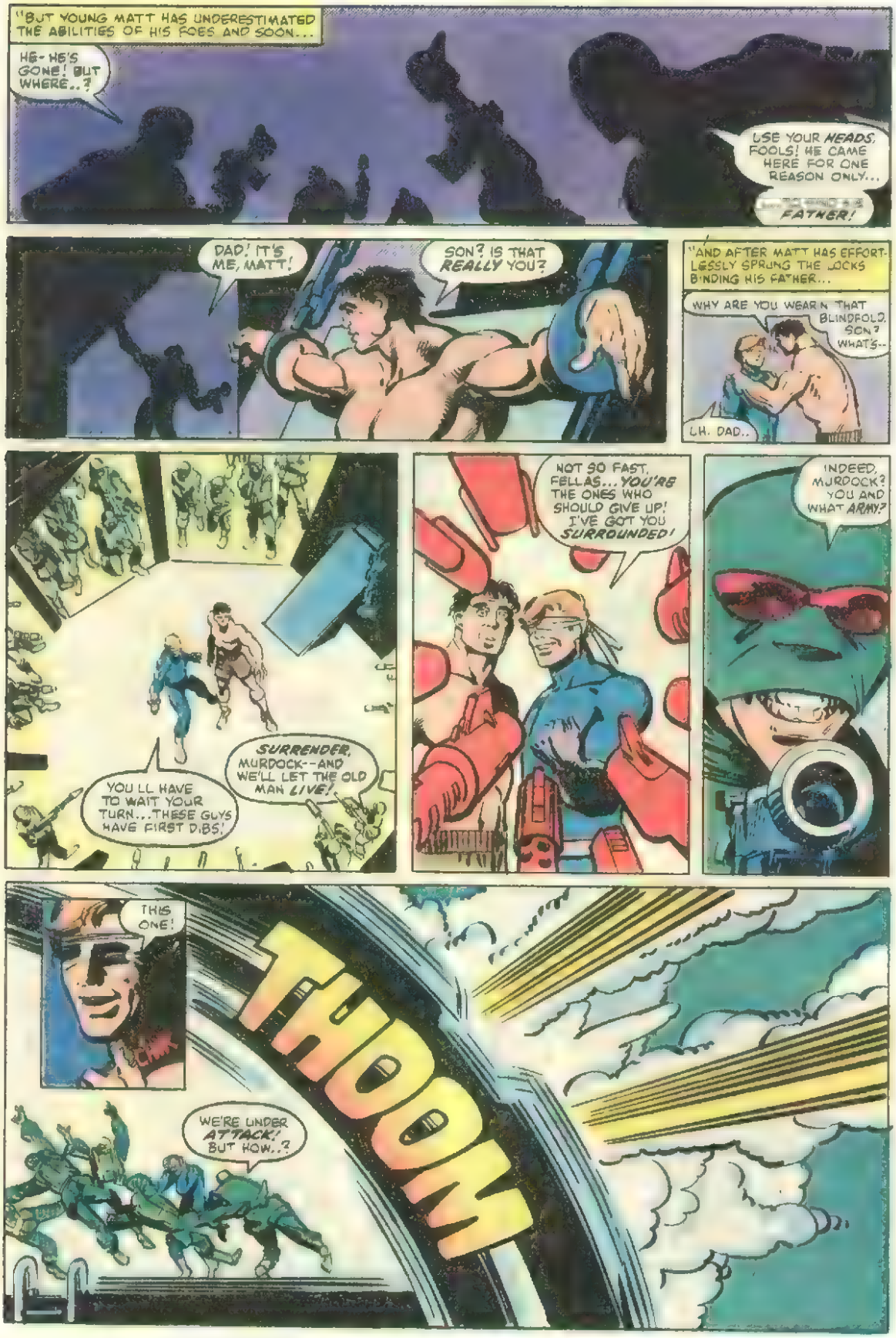
"BUT YOUNG MATT HAS UNDERESTIMATED THE ABILITIES OF HIS FOES AND SOON...
HE-HE'S GONE! BUT WHERE..?
USE YOUR HEADS, FOOLS! HE CAME HERE FOR ONE REASON ONLY...
FATHER!
DAD! IT'S ME, MATT!
SON? IS THAT REALLY YOU?
"AND AFTER MATT HAS EFFORTLESSLY SPRUNG THE LOCKS BINDING HIS FATHER...
WHY ARE YOU WEARIN THAT BLINDFOLD, SON? WHAT'S--
UH. DAD..
YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT YOUR TURN...THESE GUYS HAVE FIRST DIBS!
SURRENDER, MURDOCK--AND WE'LL LET THE OLD MAN LIVE!
NOT SO FAST, FELLAS... YOU'RE THE ONES WHO SHOULD GIVE UP! I'VE GOT YOU SURROUNDED!
INDEED, MURDOCK? YOU AND WHAT ARMY?
THIS ONE!
THOOM
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK! BUT HOW..?

LET'S GO, YOU JUNK-HEADS! THE KID'S SIGNAL MEANS HE NEEDS US! YOU GOT THE GAS READY?
RIGHT HERE, COLONEL FURY!
AND SECONDS LATER, ONE HEAD OF HYDRA IS EFFECTIVELY DECAPITATED AS THE GAS TAKES ITS TOLL.
HERE DAD-- TAKE THIS GAS MASK!
OKAY, SON!
NO, I'LL TAKE THE MASK--
--AND YOUR FATHER! LET'S GO, OLD MAN! YOU'RE MY TICKET OUT!
DAD!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, SON...
WHAP!
...THIS BOZO COULDN'T STAND TWO ROUNDS WITH MICKEY MOUSE!
"OLD," HUH?
"AND NOT LONG AFTER
LOOKS LIKE IT ALL CAME OUT IN THE WASH, MURDOCK! I GOT ME AN AGENT, AND YOU'RE SET FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!
YEAH, NOW I WON'T HAVE TA SIGN WITH THAT GOON, THE FIXER! BUT THERE'S ONE PROBLEM, MATT...
...WHAT ABOUT THE PROMISE I MADE TO YOUR MOM THAT YOU'D BECOME SOMEBODY IMPORTANT?
BUT I WILL BE IMPORTANT, DAD-- I'LL BE FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM ALL OVER THE WORLD!
AND BESIDES, NO ONE'LL KNOW THAT MATT MURDOCK IS A SHIELD AGENT...
...THEY'LL KNOW ME ONLY BY MY CODE NAME... A NICKNAME I GOT WHEN I WAS A KID...
..."DAREDEVIL!"
THE END

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BANISHED BY THEIR BRETHREN INTO SPACE, THEY ENDEAVORED TO RETURN TO EARTH USING MACHINERY SALVAGED FROM AN ALIEN SUPPLY DEPOT. BUT WHEN THE ALIENS--THE STAR-SPANNING KREE--INVESTIGATED THEIR DEMOLISHED OUTPOST, THEY DISCOVERED THE FLEEING EARTHMEN AND DESTROYED THEIR MAKESHIFT SPACECRAFT.
NOW, THE HARDY SUPERHUMANS DRIFT ON THE BRINK OF OBLIVION -- SOMEWHERE NEAR TITAN, LARGEST MOON OF THE PLANET SATURN.
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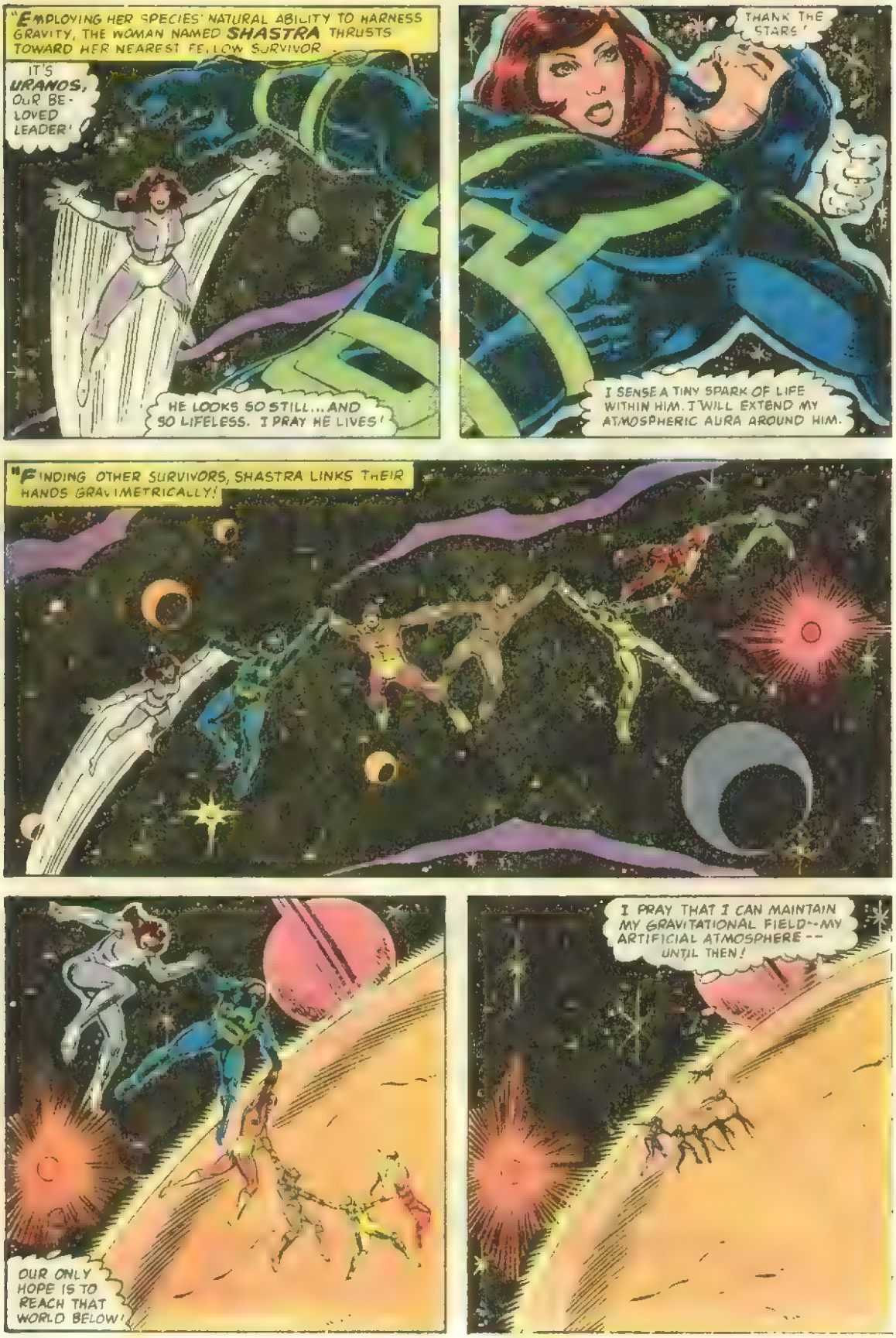
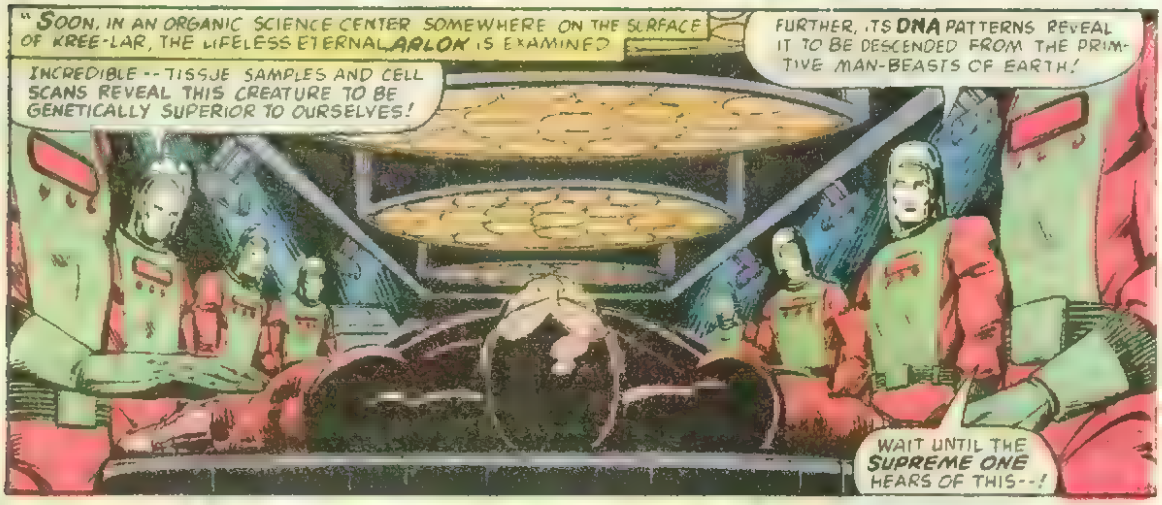
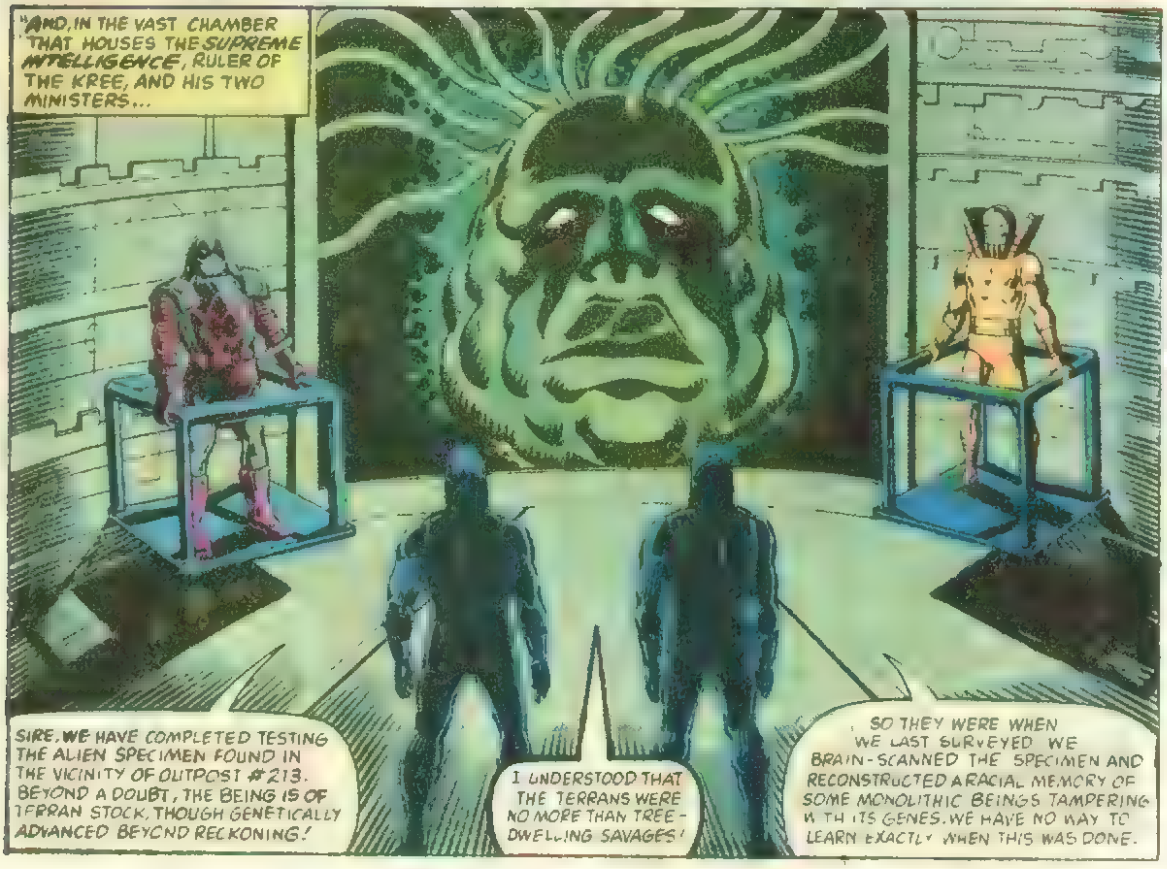
"AS THE REST OF THE KREE STARFLEET CRUISES IN FORMATION, ONE LONE EXPLORER SHIP STAYS TO SURVEY THE ENEMY'S REMAINS...
SIR--SCANNERS ARE PICKING UP ORGANISMS AMONG THE DEBRIS!
EXCELLENT. I AM MOST CURIOUS TO SEE WHO WE DESTROYED. FIND ONE THAT IS WHOLE--!
USE THE MAGNO-SCOOP TO BRING IT ABOARD!
"SOON, ABOARD THE KREE SHIP...
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, BAL-TOK?
AN ALIEN, BASICALLY KREE-LIKE IN PHYSIO-TYPE, BUT I DO NOT RECOGNIZE ITS RACE OR POINT OF ORIGIN. STILL I AM MOST IMPRESSED WITH ITS DURABILITY.
LET US RETURN TO OUR HOMEWORLD. WE CAN DO A THOROUGH VIVISECTION ON THE CREATURE THERE.
"AND, AS EXPLORER-CRAFT REJOINS THE FLEET, A FIGURE STIRS! UNNOTICED AMID THE FLOTSAM, IT IS ENVELOPED WITHIN A COCOON OF AIR MOLECULES..
OOOHHHE WHAT--? WHAT HAPPENED? AN EXPLOSION--THEN DARKNESS. BUT I'M ALIVE... SOMEHOW!


"EMPLOYING HER SPECIES' NATURAL ABILITY TO HARNESS GRAVITY, THE WOMAN NAMED SHASTRA THRUSTS TOWARD HER NEAREST FELLOW SURVIVOR
IT'S URANOS, OUR BELOVED LEADER!
HE LOOKS SO STILL...AND SO LIFELESS. I PRAY HE LIVES!
THANK THE STARS!
I SENSE A TINY SPARK OF LIFE WITHIN HIM. I WILL EXTEND MY ATMOSPHERIC AURA AROUND HIM.
"FINDING OTHER SURVIVORS, SHASTRA LINKS THEIR HANDS GRAVIMETRICALLY!
OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO REACH THAT WORLD BELOW!
I PRAY THAT I CAN MAINTAIN MY GRAVITATIONAL FIELD--MY ARTIFICIAL ATMOSPHERE -- UNTIL THEN!

"AGONIZING MINUTES LATER... THE BATTERED BAND OF SUPER-HUMANS FALL PLANETWARD, TOWARD ONE OF THE SATELLITES OF SATURN. THE HEAT OF RE-ENTRY REVIVES THOSE WHO STILL LIVE...
PRAISED BE OUR PROGENITORS! THIS PLANET DOES POSSESS A BREATHABLE ATMOSPHERE!
WE HAD BEST FIND SHELTER OUR ATTACKERS MAY STILL BE SEEKING US!
LOOK! THERE'S A SMALL CRATER LEADING BELOW! WE CAN FIND SANCTUARY BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THIS LONELY WORLD!
URANOS, WHAT IS IT? WHAT IS WRONG?
I FAILED US ALL.
I THOUGHT OUR MIGHT WAS A MATCH FOR THE ALIENS' MACHINES BUT THEY CRUSHED US LIKE WE WERE MERE INSECTS.
DO NOT DESPAIR, URANOS, THIS WORLD IS RICH WITH RAW MINERALS I HAVE LEARNED MUCH FROM STUDYING THE ALIENS' MECHANISMS AT THE SUPPLY DEPOT. WE SHALL BUILD OUR OWN MACHINES!
MORE THAN MACHINES, THYRIO--WE CAN BUILD A WHOLE WORLD HERE... A WORLD TO RIVAL THE SPLENDORS OF TITANOS, THE CITY OF OUR BIRTH BACK ON EARTH.
COME, URANOS... WE SHALL CALL OUR NEW WORLD... TITAN!
"AND SO, THE BAND OF EXILES BEGIN TO EKE OUT A HOME FOR THEMSELVES... A HOME THAT, WHEN COMPLETED DECADES LATER, WILL BE HAILED AS ONE OF THE WONDERS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM...

"LATER IN THE PART OF THE GALAXY THAT IS THE HUB OF THE BUDDING KREE EMPIRE . .
RE-ENTRY INTO REAL-SPACE COMPLETED. HOMEWORLD AHEAD.
PREPARE TO PORT.


"SOON, IN AN ORGANIC SCIENCE CENTER SOMEWHERE ON THE SURFACE OF KREE-LAR, THE LIFELESS ETERNAL ARLOK IS EXAMINED
INCREDIBLE -- TISSUE SAMPLES AND CELL SCANS REVEAL THIS CREATURE TO BE GENETICALLY SUPERIOR TO OURSELVES!
FURTHER, ITS DNA PATTERNS REVEAL IT TO BE DESCENDED FROM THE PRIMITIVE MAN-BEASTS OF EARTH!
WAIT UNTIL THE SUPREME ONE HEARS OF THIS--!


"AND, IN THE VAST CHAMBER THAT HOUSES THE SUPREME INTELLIGENCE, RULER OF THE KREE, AND HIS TWO MINISTERS...
SIRE, WE HAVE COMPLETED TESTING THE ALIEN SPECIMEN FOUND IN THE VICINITY OF OUTPOST #213. BEYOND A DOUBT, THE BEING IS OF TERRAN STOCK, THOUGH GENETICALLY ADVANCED BEYOND RECKONING!
I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE TERRANS WERE NO MORE THAN TREE-DWELLING SAVAGES!
SO THEY WERE WHEN WE LAST SURVEYED. WE BRAIN-SCANNED THE SPECIMEN AND RECONSTRUCTED A RACIAL MEMORY OF SOME MONOLITHIC BEINGS TAMPERING WITH ITS GENES. WE HAVE NO WAY TO LEARN EXACTLY WHEN THIS WAS DONE.

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SIRE, I PROPOSE WE MOUNT AN EXPEDITION TO EARTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING OUR OWN EXPERIMENTS ON THE NATIVES... AND PERHAPS WE CAN LEARN OF THESE BEINGS WHO MANIPULATED THEM.
AND WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT GENETIC-ENGINEERING BY WORKING WITH THESE TEST-SUBJECTS MAY BE APPLICABLE TO OUR OWN GENETIC STOCK
IF THESE TERRANS ARE AS GENETICALLY MALLEABLE AS WE SUSPECT, THEY MAY BE OF GREAT VALUE IN OUR CONQUEST OF SPACE.
YOUR REASONING IS MOST PERSUASIVE GO TO EARTH AT ONCE. I SHALL SEE THAT YOU ARE FULLY PROVISIONED.
"AND SO SPURRED BY EVIDENCE OF CELESTIAL EXPERIMENTATION UPON HUMAN BEINGS, THE KREE SCIENTISTS JOURNEY TO EARTH TO ESTABLISH A FIELD LABORATORY..
"WITH THE EARTH-BOUND ETERNALS IN SECLUSION ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, THE KREE FIND INSTEAD A TRIBE OF TYPICAL HUMAN BEINGS WHO OF LATE HAVE MOVED THEIR HOMES FROM THE TREETOPS TO CAVES
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS LATER, WHEN THE KREE EXPEDITION RETURNS TO THEIR OWN WORLD, THEY WILL HAVE LEFT BEHIND A LEGACY-- YET ANOTHER EVOLUTIONARY OFFSHOOT OF MAN, DIFFERENT FROM THE ETERNALS
...A RACE THAT WOULD ONE DAY BE KNOWN AS... THE INHUMANS!
END

WHY NOT?

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Dear WHAT IFfers,

I hate starting letters which tell you how much I liked a particular comic but WHAT IF #24 was perhaps your best issue to date. Tony Isabella, Gil Kane, and Frank Giacoia have literally taken us back in time with this one. With so many Spider-Man books coming out every month, my interest in him has waned as he suffers from overexposure and poor continuity. But this story definitely brought back memories of a simpler time.

From the cover, I had expected this story to be a real downer, but I quickly found that it wasn't. This alternate reality Peter Parker may be better off than the "real" one. Sure, he still has problems, but thanks to Gwen Stacy, he has the confidence to deal with them. I think that the *exposure* of his double life will ultimately be a good thing, making him stronger than when his two identities were fragmented.

The characterization in the story was one of its high points. The people in this book have so many different emotions one could almost feel them coming off the page. People like Joe Robertson and Flash Thompson gave me confidence that this Spider-Man would eventually overcome his troubles. I'm sure people like Daredevil and the Fantastic Four would be willing to give him a hand, too.

Another refreshing thing about this WHAT IF: nobody died! (Aunt May's little attack doesn't count; I doubt it would have killed her.) Life has seemed cheap in too many WHAT IFs and I'm glad this one went against the norm.

I could rave on, but it deserves more than I could say here. In fact, it deserves a sequel by the same creative team, and maybe a sequel to that, too. Is there anyway we could make this Spider-Man *the* Spider-Man and rewrite the history of the Marvel Universe?

Brad Keefauver
2512 Meadows Ave.
E. Peoria, IL 61611

Tony and Gil humbly thank you for your paeans of praise, Brad. Their objective, like that of all our very talented creative-types, is to find new and exciting ways to improve on the original Marvel masterwork upon which the WHAT IF is based. And, in the case of the much-lauded Death of Gwen Stacy saga, they had one tough act to follow. You aren't the only one who wishes this alternate reality were the mainstream one. To wit...

Dear Bullpenners,

"Whatever you do, reader... don't read this story!"

The above blurb should have appeared on the cover of WHAT IF #24. Why? Because if your readers read the story inside they would wish that it had taken place rather than SPIDER-MAN #121-122. Having Gwen Stacy die was a total cop-out. WHAT IF #24 was a much more realistic and dramatic change in Spider-Man's life. The plots that could have stemmed from this story would have been far more interesting than the ones that stemmed from Gwen's death. Marvel chose the easy way out by having Gwen die.

The only way to redeem yourself for this eight-year old oversight is to continue the saga begun in WHAT IF #24. Not just a single sequel, but a whole series dedicated to this alternate plotline. Better yet... make an entire new book out of it. I'll bet it would outsell the regular SPIDER-MAN titles!

Anyway, I'd just like to say that Tony Isabella's story was well-conceived, well characterized, and well-paced, and Gil Kane's art was at its usual excellence. WHAT IF #24 was a classic in every sense.

Howard Bloch
1134 N. 27th St.
Allentown, PA 18104

Thanks for the kudos, Howard. Having two distinct Spider-Man titles chronicling the adventures of two different Spider-Men would be confusing to the average reader (and let's not mention the havoc it would play on ye editor's delicate nerves), but we are not opposed to doing continuations of the Gwen Stacy Lived storyline in these pages if enough of you demand it. (And so far, a lot of you gentlefolks *are* demanding it.)

Dear Gang,

I'm a bit confused by one of your opening captions on the splash page of WHAT IF #24: "Here, on this night one year ago, he (Peter Parker) lost the woman he loved." Are you trying to say that everything that happened between SPIDER-MAN #122 and now — all of the stories in AMAZING, SPECTACULAR, TEAM-UP, plus numerous guest shots — all occurred in a single *year*?

Rick S. Jones
Cedarville College
Cedarville, Oh 45314

Sorry that wasn't clear, Rick! The opening sequence in WHAT IF #24 occurred on the first anniversary of Gwen's death, however long ago that may have been by Marvel-time. Don't blame the Watcher, though — it was the fault of our transcribers, not Mr. Infallible.

Dear Marvel,

At the risk of sounding naive, are the stories that appear in WHAT IF supposed to be the alternate reality as it really happened — or as some writer wanted it to happen? I used to think that this book was faithful in depicting the consequences of some fateful alteration in Marvel history. Lately, however, it seems like no comic series would have been able to survive the massive changes if the story had not happened as it did in the mainstream title. Come on now! Don't tell me that what happened in WHAT IF #24 was the only consequence to Spider-Man's rescue of Gwen Stacy — that he would be at the altar with her, and then never be able to see her again since his identity was exposed! Tell it to me straight: are the WHAT IF stories supposed to be what really would have happened if destiny had taken a different fork?

Glenn Dressler
RR #2 Box 191AA
Kankakee, Il 60901

You want it straight, Glenn ol' boy, we'll give it a shot. Countless alternate possibilities spring up at every pivotal point. When the Watcher scans the alternates to investigate possible consequences of events that almost happened in his home reality, he always looks for the most dramatic, most divergent path to present to us for our entertainment and enlightenment. An alternate reality where Gwen Stacy lived but she and Peter Parker eventually broke up, and nothing much different from the mainstream reality occurred, doesn't interest the Watcher much, and probably wouldn't grab you either. So the Watcher always chooses the most exciting alternate reality out of all the possible ones stemming from a given critical event to lay on us. All clear? We thought so.

Dear People,

WHAT IF #24: the epitome of WHAT IFs. It was so eloquently done, I found myself crying. Thank you for a fine story.

Keith A. Bowden
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Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

You're welcome, pal.

WHAT IF...Rick Jones had stayed as Captain America's partner?
WHAT IF...Cap was still the Nomad?
WHAT IF... Kang had successfully kidnapped and mated with the Celestial Madonna? — J. Alexander Hall
Los Angeles, CA

WHAT IF...Bill Foster became the new Ant-Man instead of the new Giant-Man?
WHAT IF...all the Invaders had gone into suspended animation?
WHAT IF...Betty Ross remained the Harpy?
WHAT IF...Carol Danvers became a Skrull Warrior intead of a Kree?
WHAT IF...Spider-Woman remained loyal to HYDRA?
WHAT IF...Lilith became the Lord of the Vampires? — Leslie Ludanyi
Montreal, Canada

WHAT IF...Wolverine had become the leader of Alpha Flight? — Joe Blaney
New York, NY

WHAT IF...each of the rulers of Hell battled for supremacy?
WHAT IF...Spider-Man had accepted Doctor Doom's offer of partnership?
WHAT IF...J. Jonah Jameson had become a vigilante hero-killer? — Brian Higgins
Osawatomie, KS

WHAT IF...Doctor Doom had become the Ancient One's disciple?
WHAT IF...Reed Richards offered to become Galactus' herald in order to save the Earth? — E. Alan Powell
Denton, TX

WHAT IF...Captain Marvel attained godhood?
WHAT IF...all the cosmic heroes decided to defeat the Skrulls for good?
WHAT IF...Doctor Doom met his other dimensional counterparts?
— Anthony Breaux, USAF
Litchfield Park, AZ

WHAT IF...Magneto's wife had never left him?
WHAT IF...Eric the Red had never revived Magneto? — Thorton Kimes
Houston, TX

WHAT IF...Lady Dorma had not died?
WHAT IF...Barbara Norriss had not gone mad?
WHAT IF...Captain Marvel had failed to save Carol Danver's life?
WHAT IF...the Black Knight had decided not to stay in his ancestor's past?
— Penny Jacobsen
(No address on letter)

WHAT IF...Cyclops had left with the rest of the old X-Men?
WHAT IF...Jean Grey had died in X-MEN #100?
WHAT IF...Wolverine had remained with Alpha-Flight?
— Michael Herzog
Eagle River, AL

WHAT IF...Doctor Doom's clone had lived?
WHAT IF...Ben Grimm had learned the Riddle of the Sphinx and become cosmic?
— Bennie Smith
Richmond, VA

WHAT IF...Someone else had freed Captain Marvel from the Negative Zone?

WHAT IF...Captain America was discovered by the Fantastic Four not the Avengers?
WHAT IF...Crystal had remained with the FF?
—Thomas Ligotti
Bay Shore, NY

WHAT IF...Hawkeye and the Black Widow had married?
WHAT IF...Madrox the Multiple man joined the X-Men?
WHAT IF...Banshee had never reformed?
WHAT IF...Dazzler joined the X-Men?
WHAT IF...Professor X was unable to stop the Z'Nox?
WHAT IF...Johnny Storm failed to rejuvenate his FF partners?
— Steven R. Thomas
Carrollton, MO

WHAT IF...Banshee had not lost his powers in X-MEN #117?
— Colin Glenn Wise
Randolph AFB, TX

WHAT IF...Rick Jones had become Captain America's partner?
— Pat Colvin
Winton, CA

WHAT IF...Wundarr's spaceship had crashed near the farm of an elderly couple who adopted him and made him wear glasses?
WHAT IF...Adam Warlock had not died?
WHAT IF...Howard the Duck had remained a human?
WHAT IF...the new X-Men had split up after their first battle?
— Brad Keefauver
E. Peoria, IL

WHAT IF...the Shroud had succeeded in killing Doctor Doom?
— Rick S. Jones
Argos, IN

WHAT IF...Professor X had found other mutants to form the original X-Men?

WHAT IF...Ben Grimm had been given the Super Soldier Formula in World War II?
WHAT IF...Crystal had remained with the FF?
— Thomas Ligotti
Bay Shore, NY

WHAT IF...Johnny Storm was the son of the original Human Torch? ***(Since the original Torch was an android, it would be difficult for him to sire a son. Only Franklin Storm could have a son that would be Johnny Storm as we know him. Anybody else's son (even if his last name were also Storm) would be somebody else! — mg.)***
— Gregg Stamey, Jr.
Canton, NC

WHAT IF...Vance Astrovik had joined the X-Men? ***(This is still in the realm of possibility, hence, not in WHAT IF domain. — mg)***
— Ronnie Moore
Knoxville, TN

WHAT IF...Aunt May was murdered rather than Uncle Ben?
— Richard Esper
Carleton, MI

WHAT IF...Arishem the Judge passed the judgment to destroy Earth in THOR #300?
— Anthony Leonard
Willingboro, NJ

WHAT IF...the Silver Surfer joined the Guardians of the Galaxy?

WHAT IF...Rick Jones was selected by Eon to be Protector of the Universe?

WHAT IF...the British WWII super hero team the Crusaders had not disbanded?

WHAT IF...Thor met Conan? ***(This one is in the works. — mg.)***

WHAT IF...the Sub-Mariner had decided to be Wundarr's guardian?
— Samuel H. Lewis
(No address on letter)

WHAT IF...the Fantastic Four prevented the assassination of President Kennedy?

WHAT IF...Professor X had never lost the use of his legs and became an active X-Man?
— Bob Rosenfeld
Paramus, NJ

HEY, THERE! Remember last summer, when we promised to print the names and addresses of everyone who entered the *Mighty Marvel Win-Yourself-Some-Big-Bucks Contest*? Well, we were swamped with tens of thousands of entries... so many that it took months to sort them out! But here... now... finally... we're proud to present just the first handful of fine folks who entered our contest. And we'll be running more in the months to come as time and space allows! 'Nuff said!

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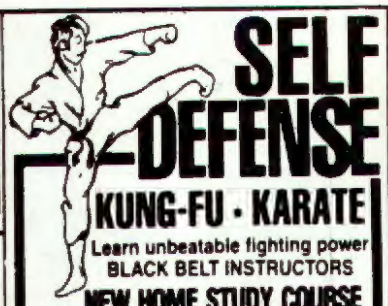

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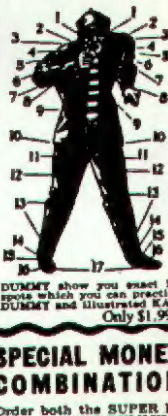

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